

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, a distinguished Black scholar and the son of former slaves, established the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, in February 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated Negro History Week, which evolved into the formal recognition of Black History Month in 1976, celebrating the significance of Black history across America; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem recognizes the historical and ongoing challenges faced by individuals of African descent, perpetuated by white supremacy in its various forms and effects; and

WHEREAS, the Salem City Council has condemned racism as a systemic issue that leads to unequal outcomes in numerous aspects of life, including family stability. On January 25, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution 2021-2, denouncing white supremacy and racism, and Resolution 2021-3, declaring racism a public health crisis; and

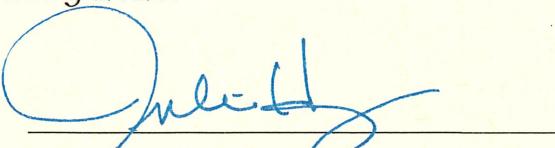
WHEREAS, the City of Salem honors the numerous achievements, successes, and contributions of African Americans, whose legacy is built on remarkable strength, resilience, creativity, and unity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Salem, Oregon, and encourage all residents to engage in learning about and celebrating the invaluable contributions of African Americans to our nation, our state, and our community.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of January 2026.



Julie Hoy
Mayor

