

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: During African American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

Whereas: In 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience and is full of individuals who took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, strengthened families, communities and our nation; and

Whereas: African Americans have played a significant role in the history of our nation, and Washington State's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to promote their culture and history; and

Whereas: ASALH's 2018 theme, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath; and

Whereas: As a result of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to our community and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science and the arts..

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **February 2018** as:

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

and urge all citizens to recognize the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue