

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, each year, Black History Month is observed in February; and
- WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and
- WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and
- WHEREAS, Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country, society, and communities; and
- WHEREAS, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets a theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 2021 is, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity"; and
- WHEREAS, this year's Black History Month theme explores the complexity and dynamic of African American families and their stories throughout history; and
- WHEREAS, to participate in observing Black History Month, those interested can visit [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org) to learn more about the origins of the month, this year's theme, and African American history;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by African Americans, and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich our lives.



Angela Birney, Mayor

February 2, 2021

Date

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