

**Office of the Mayor**  
Black Diamond, Washington



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the beginning of Black History Month was first called Negro History Week, as conceived and announced by historian Carter G. Woodson and celebrated during February 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, the nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the American story, and the week was expanded to a month; and

**WHEREAS**, confident that their struggles matter in human history, black scholars, artists, athletes, and leaders have used their talents to change how the world views African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans, as well as other people of African descent, have been influential in shaping world politics, and diplomacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) has selected "The Black Family: Representation, Identify, and Diversity" in 2021 as their 95<sup>th</sup> annual National Black History Month theme; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership and communication with residents, businesses, faith communities and schools, the City of Black Diamond is dedicated to building an inclusive informed city with equitable outcomes for all in support of social, economic, and racial justice; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Carol Benson, Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2021 to be

## **NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of Black Diamond, and I encourage all residents to join me in learning more about the rich history of African American's during this special observance.

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Carol Benson, Mayor