

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated throughout the nation during the month of February; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to reflect and honor our diverse ancestry and our hidden history of civic, economic, professional, medical, scientific, military and artistic achievements, and serves as a reminder of the challenges that face all people of color and the ongoing work to eliminate barriers based on prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans continue to make significant contributions to the growth of our nation: in business and philanthropy; as ministers, doctors and nurses; as artists and musicians; as professors and teachers; as lawyers and legislators; as soldiers and leading athletes; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Black Migrations," highlights the challenges and successes of millions of Black Americans between 1916-1970 as they moved from the south to Northern and Western regions of the United States in search of better opportunities and freedom to choose for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans strength to endure, enterprise, and patriotism, in spite of overwhelming obstacles, have given people of all backgrounds confidence, courage, and faith to pursue their own dreams; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as a reminder of the challenges that face all people of color. There is still more to be done to ensure equality under the law and equal opportunity; and

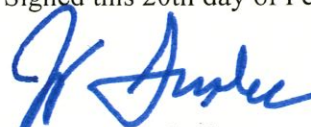
WHEREAS, this month is a reminder that we can appreciate what connects us, regardless of color or national origins, and we move forward in the spirit of the Pledge of Allegiance: "with liberty and justice for all";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February, 2019, as

Black History Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 20th day of February, 2019


Governor Jay Inslee

