

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE PROCLAMATION

Black History Month in Mountlake Terrace

WHEREAS, each year, Black History Month is observed nationally in February and in 2022, the City of Mountlake Terrace has added this observance to its calendar as recommended by the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for the people of Mountlake Terrace to come together in the spirit of understanding and knowledge that embracing our differences makes our city stronger as we work together for the benefit of all; 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 society, our country and our local communities including the City of Mountlake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets a theme for Black History Month, and the 2022 theme is "Black Health and Wellness." This theme includes celebrating the activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and

WHEREAS, to participate in observing Black History Month, the Mountlake Terrace community is encouraged to visit www.asalh.org to learn more about the origins of the event, this year's theme, African American history and special events including a virtual festival.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor of the City of Mountlake Terrace do hereby proclaim February 2022 as

Black History Month

in the City of Mountlake Terrace 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.

Signed by the Mayor this 1st day of February, 2022, at the City of Mountlake Terrace, State of Washington, in the witness whereof and the Seal and signatures of this City are fixed.



Kyoko Matsumoto Wright
Mayor Matsumoto Wright

ATTEST: *Virginia V. Clough*
City Clerk