



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## 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, faith and community leaders of all ages 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*, African Americans are establishing and maintaining successful enterprises in Renton; and

*Whereas*, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) has selected "Black Health and Wellness" in 2022 as their 96th annual National Black History Month theme acknowledging not only the legacy of Black medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists and others throughout the African Diaspora; and

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

*Whereas*, the city of Renton has video-taped and archived the Virtual Tour of Renton's African American Historical Sites; and

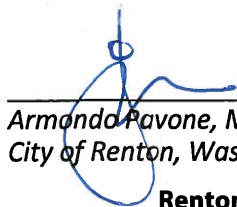
*Whereas*, the Renton African American community and the City of Renton are honoring Black History Month with "Black Health and Wellness," a special event with speakers and a panel dialogue on February 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022 to be

## *National Black History Month*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in learning more about the rich history of African Americans during this special observance.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

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