



Denis Law 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 a week in February 1926; and

Whereas, in 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of 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 "Black Migrations" as the 2019 National Black History Month theme; and

Whereas, the City of Renton, in partnership and communication with residents, businesses, and schools, is dedicated to building an inclusive city with opportunities for all; and

Whereas, Renton Highlands Library and Fairwood Library are hosting virtual tours of Renton's African American historical sites on February 21st and 27th at 7:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, Renton African American Pastors and the City of Renton are honoring Black History Month with "Realizing the Dream," a special event with speakers, drama performance, and a panel dialogue on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at SKY Center;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 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 11th day of February, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

