



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, 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*, 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 "African Americans and the Vote" as the 2020 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 History Museum is hosting a virtual tour of Renton's African American Historical Sites on February 6 and Black Fashionista on March 5; and

*Whereas*, Renton African American Pastors and the City of Renton are honoring Black History Month with "Celebrating Black Excellence," a special event with speakers, drama performance, and a panel dialogue on February 26 at 6:00 p.m. at SKY Center;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 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 10th day of February, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

