

# CITY OF CARNATION



## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

*Whereas*, each year, Black History Month is observed in February; 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 country, society, and communities; and

*Whereas*, More than that, it spotlights the importance of being an ally to marginalized communities — not for 28 days but for all 365 days in a year

*Whereas*, Black History Month is February, but here in the City of Carnation every day we will aim to listen to and learn from the lived experiences of Black and African Americans throughout history and today, making our community stronger through greater representation.

*Whereas*, we do not end the celebration in February and encourage everyone in the city to continue to honor Black history every month. We must be committed to uplift voices, support businesses, and educate ourselves. February should just be the start.

*Now therefore*, we, the City Council of the City of Carnation, King County, Washington, do hereby proclaim

*Every Month as Black History Month*

in the City of Carnation.

*Approved* this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

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Mayor Jim Ribail