



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 25-004

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in 1926, Black historian, author, journalist and founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Carter G. Woodson, established “Negro History Week” with the goal of acknowledging and accurately representing Black history in schools; and

WHEREAS, Woodson remarked, “If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated;” and

WHEREAS, Black United Students and Black educators at Kent State University used the foundation laid by Woodson to found Black History Month on February 1, 1970, and six years later the month was officially recognized by the federal government during the nation’s bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the founders of Black History Month, announced that the 2025 theme of Black History Month is African Americans and Labor; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme “focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people; and


WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the many individuals, events, and momentous contributions of Black people in our community, nation, and world despite living under difficult and unjust circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans continue to experience inequality and inequity as a result of institutional racism. Snohomish County acknowledges racism is systemic, has historically hurt and continues to fracture the health and well-being of Black Americans through generations; and

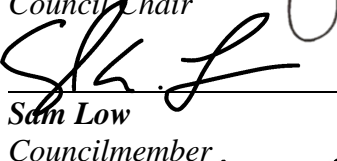
WHEREAS, more than 25,000 Black and African American people live and work in Snohomish County and make significant contributions to our economy, arts and culture, science, education, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize February 2025 as Black History Month in Snohomish County acknowledging the disparate treatment of Black Americans and commit to continuing programs that ensure safety and equity across our community. We will include the voices of local Black organizations and residents in decision making to build thriving, sustainable communities that create a sense of belonging. We encourage all Snohomish County residents and visitors to join community organizations such as the Snohomish County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (SCB-NAACP), Communities of Color Coalition (C3), and Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee in honoring the rich history and experiences of Black and African Americans and celebrating their countless contributions to our community, nation, and world.

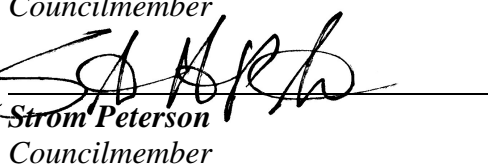
APPROVED this 29th day of January 2025.



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ATTEST: 

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