

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson




## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Black History Month is celebrated throughout the nation during the month of February; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month is a time to honor our diverse ancestry and our hidden history of civic, economic, professional, medical, and artistic achievements; and also serves as a reminder of the challenges that face all people of color, and that the work to eliminate barriers based on prejudice is ongoing; and
- WHEREAS,** Black Americans continue to make significant contributions to the growth of our nation: in business and philanthropy; as ministers, doctors and nurses; as artists and musicians; as professors and teachers; as lawyers and legislators; as soldiers and leading athletes. Black Americans have earned Olympic Gold Medals; Medals of Honor, and as slaves, built the White House where the first Black President and his family resided for the past eight years; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing Poulsbo for very low income residents, to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, and to create community service opportunities for citizens in the communities of Poulsbo; and
- WHEREAS,** We continue to be inspired by the vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and by the vision of local leaders such as former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, Judge Theodore Spearman, Bishop Lawrence Robertson, Lillian and James Walker; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month serves as a reminder of the challenges that face people of color and other marginalized groups. There is still more to be done to ensure equality under the law and equal opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month's theme for 2017 – "Healing Our Land, Healing Our History" – is a reminder to appreciate what connects us, regardless of color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and disparate abilities. We move forward in the spirit of the Pledge of Allegiance – "with liberty and justice for all."

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, hereby proclaim February 2017 as:

### ***BLACK HISTORY MONTH***

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2017

  
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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor