

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed annually in February to honor the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black Americans whose contributions have profoundly shaped our nation, strengthened our communities, and advanced the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month traces its origins to 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week, laying the foundation for a century of Black history commemorations that continue to educate, inspire, and empower; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme for Black History Month, **"A Century of Black History Commemorations,"** recognizes 100 years of collective efforts to preserve, celebrate, and elevate Black history, achievements, and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, this centennial milestone invites reflection on the progress achieved, the challenges that remain, and the enduring legacy of Black leadership, resilience, creativity, and advocacy across generations; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have made extraordinary contributions in every sector of society, including education, science, healthcare, business, public service, the arts, and the civil rights movement, often in the face of systemic barriers and injustice; and

WHEREAS, we honor the contributions of Black residents who have enriched our community through their leadership, service, and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS, to those interested in learning more about the origins of Black History Month and this year's theme, visit The Association for the Study of African American Life and History's website at asalh.org.

THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by Black Americans, and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich the City of Poulsbo.



Dated this 26th day of January 2026.

Edward (Ed) Stern, Mayor