

PROCLAMATION

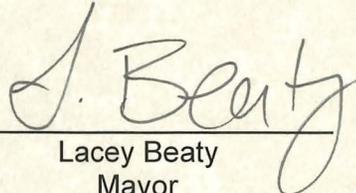
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF BEAVERTON**

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- WHEREAS,** the City of Beaverton unequivocally affirms that Black lives matter; and
- WHEREAS,** Black communities have made numerous valuable and long-lasting contributions in the history of Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and
- WHEREAS,** the presence and contributions of Black communities continue to enhance the quality of life in the City of Beaverton; and
- WHEREAS,** Black communities have been the target of discrimination, exclusion, and violence based on identity, which conflicts with our core values as a community; and
- WHEREAS,** Black communities have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the compounding effects of systemic racism; and
- WHEREAS,** in June 2020, Beaverton City Council passed a resolution denouncing systemic racism and committing to "eliminate racism in city structures and practices, to work toward the elimination of institutional racism in our community, and to improve the lived experiences of all people of color through our actions and leadership;"
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month calls our nation's attention to recognize and celebrate the essential contributions and resilience of Black communities, while acknowledging the injustices that remain; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month is a time where all Americans are encouraged to reflect on our collective history of slavery and oppression of Black communities and recommit to prioritizing racial equity, inclusion, and respect for human dignity in all that we do; and
- WHEREAS,** though we celebrate Black History Month in February, we affirm that Black history is American history and recognize it as an ever-present part of our collective experience that we must pass on and learn from; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton, Oregon, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Beaverton.



Lacey Beaty
Mayor

