

PROCLAMATION

Black History Month February 2023

WHEREAS, Black History Month reminds us of our responsibility to honor the contributions and achievements of Black and African Americans and their pivotal role in shaping our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Black communities, activists, academics, military and political leaders, artists, and innovators have made long lasting contributions in Oregon's history and have helped develop and shape Oregon's heritage and cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, the presence and visibility of the Black community continues to enhance and shape the quality of life in the city of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Albany is committed to diversity, equal opportunity, inclusion, and mutual respect as fundamental aspects of a healthy, thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the Black community has been the target of discrimination and violence based on identity, which conflicts with our core values as a community; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month calls our nation's attention to the continued need to recognize and combat racism and to build a community that lives up to our core values; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time when all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of Black communities and to look to the future to ensure freedom, equity, and inclusiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as

Black History Month

in the city of Albany, Oregon.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 30th day of January 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander D. Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor