## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

### PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-013

Proclaiming February 2020 as Black History Month and Black Future Month in Multhomah County, Oregon.

#### The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Black History and Black Future Month is observed throughout the United States to celebrate and recognize the vital role and contributions of African Americans in our history and culture. Black History Month was first celebrated in 1976.
- b. Multnomah County recognizes that racial and ethnic diversity enriches our community.
- c. Multhomah County recognizes the systemic challenges that Black Americans face in achieving equity, opportunity, and social mobility.
- d. Multnomah County further recognizes the immense economic impacts of our Black community members.
- e. Multhomah County honors the rich heritage, extraordinary contributions, and ongoing accomplishments of African Americans, including successful entrepreneurial endeavors and thriving local businesses.
- f. Multhomah County honors and celebrates the roles that our Black employees play in working towards eliminating disparities in their communities, and creating a better future for all community members.
- g. Multnomah County honors the workforce equity contributions of Employees of Color (EOC) and Black employees that ensure safety, trust and belonging for all in our community.
- h. Multhomah County celebrates Black excellence and African American advocacy of social justice, cultural contributions, racial justice and hope not only this month but 365 days a year.

#### The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

February 2020 as Black History Month and Black Future Month in Multhomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the contributions of African Americans to our community.

# ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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