



# PROCLAMATION

## Designation of February 2021 as Black History Month

**WHEREAS**, The City of McMinnville is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the official theme of Black History Month 2021 is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans have made valuable contributions in Oregon's economic, political, spiritual, and cultural development while maintaining and promoting their own unique culture and history; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge and denounce the history of structural and institutional racism toward Black Americans in Oregon and throughout the United States, which has directly resulted in socioeconomic, health, and other disparities that persist to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans for generations have sought to prevail against racial violence, injustice, and inequities while leading the pursuit of equality in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month serves to celebrate the accomplishments, culture, and contributions of the Black community while honoring Black history; and

**WHEREAS**, we, as a community, must work together to end discrimination to achieve true equality for Black Oregonians and build a McMinnville where all residents can realize their full potential

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Hill, Mayor of McMinnville, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as:

## Black History Month

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand, this ninth day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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Scott A. Hill, Mayor