



A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of Achievements by the Black community and a time for recognizing the central role of Black people in our history; and

WHEREAS, this observance affords a special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about Black heritage, and to honor the many Black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our community state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, locally we celebrate the extraordinary Black community leaders, including: Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, State Senator Tina Nobles, Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Council Members Keith Blocker & Kiara Daniels, Tacoma School Board Members Korey Strozier & Chelsea McElroy, and Metro Parks Commissioner Aaron Pointer; and

WHEREAS, we value the work of Tacoma community organizations including the Black Collective and the Tacoma Urban League who work to assist Tacoma's Black community and other underserved community members achieve social equality and economic independence; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks is extremely grateful for the talented Black individuals who made immeasurable contributions to Tacoma in helping to preserve and celebrate community histories, memories, and experiences. This year would like to recognize the work of artists including Adika Bell, Tiffany Hammonds, Dionne Bonner, and Jasmine Brown, to name only a handful of the many creatives who support MPT's programs and services through their artistic endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, Metro Parks will celebrate these and the many other achievements and contributions with a month-long series of activities and events at Peoples Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners recognizes the significant contributions, past and present, of Tacoma's Black community and encourages all those who reside in Tacoma to use the month of February as an opportunity to explore Black history and gain a greater appreciation for the richness and depth of Black and African American contributions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners, hereby recognize and celebrate February as Black History Month and encourages everyone to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to make Tacoma a more inclusive community for all.



The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held February 13, 2023.

ATTEST:


Board President


Board Clerk