



A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Metro Parks Tacoma is committed to reforming as an anti-racist agency which celebrates, collaborates, and integrates the cultures of our community in our work; and

WHEREAS, the lived experiences and histories of Black people are inextricably woven throughout the history of our nation, state, and local community; and

WHEREAS, February is annually recognized as Black History Month to spotlight the foundational role Black individuals have played in shaping the world as we know it, and to encourage members of our community to explore and understand Black history as part of all of our histories; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks Tacoma is celebrating this month with a series of culturally relevant and engaging programming taking place at various locations all month long; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Metro Parks implemented the name change of Edna Travis Park to better reflect community values and honor the legacy of a prominent Black woman leader in our community, which expands the growing list of public spaces in our District that celebrate Black leaders including Helen B. Stafford, Judge Jack Tanner, Senator Rosa Franklin, and Bob Maguinez; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many Black individuals who have shaped Tacoma’s history, we wish to honor the dedicated work, expertise, and leadership of staff and partners from the Black community who are guiding us into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners do hereby honor February as Black History Month in recognition of the contributions of Black leaders in our community’s past, present, and future.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 12, 2024.

ATTEST:

Board President

Board Clerk