

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the Bicentennial year of 1976, Americans of all walks of life have come together during the month of February to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments are the more remarkable for having been won at the cost of great struggle and sacrifice by men and women who came to these shores in chains, and by their descendants; and

WHEREAS, the African American community continues to contribute to the rich diversity and general welfare of Yakima; and

WHEREAS, during black history month we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens – past, present, and future – have similar opportunities for growth and are respected and recognized for their past contributions and potential future contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

in the City of Yakima and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create career opportunities that are more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2023

Janice Deccio, Mayor