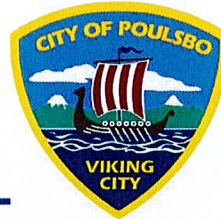


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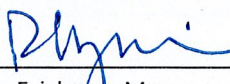
- WHEREAS,** since 1976, the United States has celebrated Black History Month in February to recognize and honor the profound contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black Americans throughout our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for Black History Month 2025, "*African Americans and Labor*," reflects the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history, underscoring the diverse and significant ways in which work and working of all kinds, free and unfree, skilled and unskilled vocational and voluntary within the collective, intersecting the experiences of Black life and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** Black Americans' contributions to labor have transformed societies across the nation, fueling the growth and development of our economy, cultural heritage, and shared future; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Poulsbo recognizes that the history of Black Americans in the labor movement has been marked by perseverance, innovation, and advocacy for fair and equitable working conditions, and that their work continues to influence policies and practices that promote dignity, respect, and opportunity in the workplace; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Poulsbo is committed to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equity within our community by celebrating the contributions of African Americans, both past and present, and supporting ongoing efforts to ensure that all individuals, regardless of race or background, have access to fair labor practices and economic opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** we honor the contributions of Black residents who have enriched our community through their leadership, service, and cultural contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** to those interested in learning more about the origins of Black History Month and this year's theme, visit The Association for the Study of African American Life and History's website at asalh.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by Black Americans, and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 30th day of January 2025.



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

