

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** In February, Oregon recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of our Black Oregonians since the recorded history of Oregon and America over the last 400 years; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, Oregon acknowledges and honors the historical struggle of our Black communities and their significant contributions to the foundation of this state and country, including enduring American Enslavement, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and segregation; the ongoing movement for civil rights; and continuous demonstration of resilience and excellence through advancing invaluable investments in social, cultural, and economic arenas in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Black Oregonians have consistently and courageously led the pursuit of justice, equity, inclusion, and equality. As we work to be accountable to this history and its impact, we seek to move forward with all Oregonians and strive to embody the founding principles that all people are created equal; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated leaders and organizations will document the achievements of Black people in educational institutions for new generations of Oregonians; and while modeling leadership to advance reforms and break down barriers, we know there is still much work to do to achieve racial justice in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** All Oregonians must continue to work together to end racial injustices to ensure equity, inclusion, and opportunity for Black Oregonians, and proudly join with the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs and the Racial Justice Council to build an equitable Oregon where all our residents are fully realized in their potential and the promise of America.

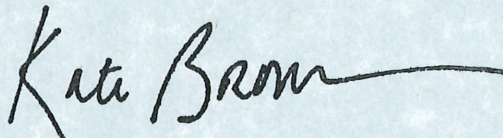
**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2022** to be

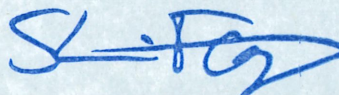
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 1, 2022.



Kate Brown, Governor



Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

