



## *PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL*

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans who have shaped our local and national history, society, and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, The origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Harvard historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), which was and remains dedicated to researching and promoting the achievements of Black Americans and other people of African descent; and

**WHEREAS** the recognition of Black History Month affords all Americans the opportunity to reflect on the past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so we can live up to the ideals of freedom, equity, justice, economic opportunity, and access for all; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets forth a theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 2023 is “Black Resistance”; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s theme explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression through education, the arts, sports, politics, and other avenues, and calls to everyone “to study the history of Black Americans’ responses to establish safe spaces, where Black life can be sustained, fortified, and respected”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim** the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Fircrest, Washington and we encourage all citizens to join in this special observance by learning more about the origins of the month, this year’s theme, and African American history.

Passed this 24<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hunter T. George", is written over a horizontal line.

Hunter T. George, Mayor Pro Tempore