



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to recognize and honor the contributions, achievements, and enduring legacy of Black Americans throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Black History Month 2026, "A Century of Black History Commemorations," celebrates the 100th anniversary of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 and the evolution of this observance into Black History Month as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, this theme invites reflection on the significance of Black history and underscores the importance of preserving, protecting, and promoting a full, inclusive, and accurate account of our nation's past; and

WHEREAS, Black history is American history and encompasses vital contributions and achievements in the arts, sciences, education, business, public service, and the pursuit of civil rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, we honor the Black residents, leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and advocates in our community who have shaped, and continue to shape, civic life, strengthen our shared institutions, and contribute to the ongoing work of building a more inclusive, equitable, and welcoming community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as **Black History Month** in the City of Fircrest, Washington and encourage all residents to join in this special observance through reflection and participation in local educational programs, celebrations, and activities.

Passed this 27th day of January 2026



Nikki Bufford, Mayor

