BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

In the Matter of Proclaiming February 2024 as Black History Month in Benton County	**)** **)** **)**	**PROCLAMATION P2024-001**

Black History Month provides a unique opportunity to celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions, achievements, resilience, and cultural heritage of African Americans, who have played a vital role in shaping the history and identity of the United States; and

Acknowledging and preserving the experiences and contributions of African Americans contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of our shared history and promotes unity, diversity, and inclusion within our communities; and

The ongoing struggle for equal rights, accompanied by the rich scientific and cultural contributions of African Americans, have paved the way for progress and continue to inspire future generations to strive for excellence in all areas of life.

In 2024, Black History Month highlights the rich and varied contributions of African Americans to music, literature, the visual arts, and all aspects of contemporary culture.

Benton County is committed to fostering an environment that values diversity, equity, and inclusion and recognizes the importance of promoting awareness and understanding of Black history.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that, the Benton County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in Benton County. We urge all residents to take this opportunity to learn about, celebrate, and reflect upon the countless achievements and contributions of African Americans to our community, our nation, and the world.

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2024.

Signed this 6th day of February, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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