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WHEREAS, National African American History Month is observed in February of each year;
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WHEREAS, National African American History Month seeks to emphasize National African American history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, National African American History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans in the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, National African American History Month allows us an opportunity to recognize the heroes of African American history including James West, U.S. inventor of more than 250 patents and Professor at John Hopkins University; Marie M. Daly, the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in chemistry in the U.S., who taught and conducted research regarding foods and diet and their effect on the heart and the circulatory system; and Katherine G. Johnson, one of NASA's human computers who performed the complex calculations that enabled humans to successfully achieve space flight.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Cortes, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as National African American History Month in the City of Battle Ground and hereby acknowledge and celebrate the contributions made by African Americans.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 18th day of February 2020.

Mayor Adrian Cortes