

# Proclamation for African American History Month

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, African American History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of people of African heritage goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in the history of human existence; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of Washington State, from the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders in such industries as aerospace, finance, government, and international trade; and

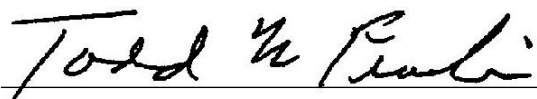
**WHEREAS**, African American History Month is a time for all Americans to reflect on the rich history and teachings of African Americans whose contributions are vast and wide; and

**WHEREAS**, during African American History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on the rich history and teachings of African-Americans and bear witness to the progress, beauty, and achievements they have made throughout our region;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the Renton School  
District Board of Directors, do hereby proclaim the month of  
February 2017 to be

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**, and encourage the district to join in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of African-Americans and encourage everyone to participate in educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

Signed this 25th day of January, 2017



Todd Franceschina, Board President



Art Jarvis, Interim Superintendent

