



## PROCLAMATION

### "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" FEBRUARY 2019

WHEREAS: Black History Month was first proposed by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969, and the first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later; and

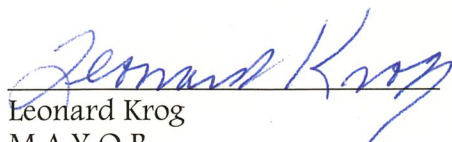
WHEREAS: Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987 and in 1995, Canada's House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month. In 2008, the Senate officially recognized Black History Month which was unanimously approved.

WHEREAS: by designating February each year as Black History Month, the City will acknowledge and honour the important contributions made by Black Pioneers who settled in this area 150 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that the month of February 2019 be known as:

### "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR



Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019