



**PROCLAMATION  
"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"  
FEBRUARY/2017**

**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, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that the month of February, 2017 be known as:**

**"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Bill McKay  
MAYOR



Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.