

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacqueline Bouvier Copeland of Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network (PAWPNet) and The WISE Fund established the month of August as Black Philanthropy Month in 2011 with recognition by the United Nations as part of its 2011 Declaration of the International Year for People of African Descent and then its 2015-2024 Declaration of the International Decade for People of African Descent; and

WHEREAS, Black Philanthropy Month is an annual, global celebration of Black giving and its transformative impacts to promote increased investment in Black communities; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Philanthropy Month, with this year's theme being "TENacity: Making Equity Real."; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy at its etymological root means love of humankind, and everyone desires love and deserves to flourish with love; and

WHEREAS, Black communities have vested reasons to celebrate and renew their rich, shared traditions of giving, self-determination, ingenuity, and innovation throughout the U.S. and the world; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary historical legacy of philanthropy by Black organizations and institutions should be elevated and highlighted as their contributions have been central to the fight against institutional racism and oppression that Black people face in America; and

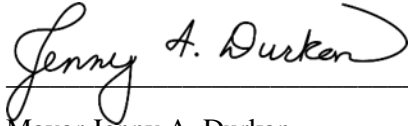
WHEREAS, anti-Black racism has undermined opportunities for Black people to build generational wealth and there is collective responsibility in rectifying past injustices through increased investments that contribute to improving the social, educational, economic and health outcomes of Black communities; and

WHEREAS, every August 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> should be celebrated by public officials, givers of the luminary and everyday variety, professionals and volunteers from the philanthropic and nonprofit realm, faith-based congregants, the young and the forever young-hearted and all the people of the City of Seattle to celebrate and encourage the cultural richness and philanthropic spirit of the Black community, to inspire increased investments in the Black community, and to recognize the vital role generosity plays in ensuring a healthy, safe and prosperous community in which to live, work and flourish.

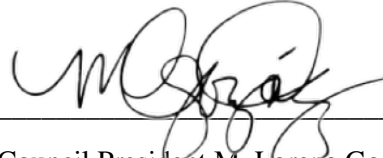
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM  
AUGUST 2021 TO BE

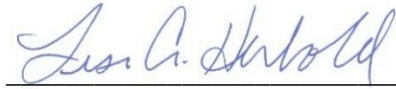
## Black Philanthropy Month




Mayor Jenny A. Durkan



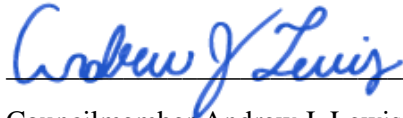
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Councilmember Lisa Herbold



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