

**Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form**  
*This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday  
before the COW meeting by noon.*

<b>Date Received</b> (office use)	
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<b>Date of Request</b>	Wednesday, February 7, 2018
<b>Requesting Staff Member</b>	Karen Hale
<b>Requested Council Date</b>	Tuesday, February 13, 2018
<b>Topic/Discussion Title</b>	African American History Month Proclamation
<b>Description</b>	The Proclamation recognizes African American History Month as an opportunity to observe and celebrate the heritage, customs and achievements of African Americans.
<b>Requested Action<sup>1</sup></b>	Mayor to read proclamation in Feb. 13 Council Meeting
<b>Presenter(s)</b>	Mayor McAdams
<b>Time Needed<sup>2</sup></b>	5 minutes
<b>Time Sensitive<sup>3</sup></b>	Yes
<b>Specific Time(s)<sup>4</sup></b>	
<b>Contact Name &amp; Phone</b>	Karen Hale, 87035
<b>Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.</b>	

Mayor or Designee approval: 

<sup>1</sup> What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

<sup>2</sup> Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

<sup>3</sup> Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

<sup>4</sup> If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.

WHEREAS, African American (Black) History Month provides an opportunity to recognize the heritage, customs and achievements of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the contributions African Americans have made and continue to make are an important part of our progress and epitomize the resilience and pioneering spirit that continue to make our community welcoming and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Americans have long celebrated our Nation as a beacon of liberty and opportunity — home to patriots, refugees and the displaced who fled persecution and hopelessness — yet we must also remember that while many came to our shores to pursue their own measure of freedom, hundreds of thousands arrived in chains; and

WHEREAS, through centuries of struggle, and through the toil of generations, African Americans are claiming rights long denied; and

WHEREAS, during African American History Month, we honor the youth, men and women at the heart of this journey—from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who believed that courage knows no color, to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and guided our Nation toward a brighter day; and

WHEREAS, as we acknowledge the champions of African American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions who were enslaved; we remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs to register neighbors to vote; we carry forward the solid hope that guided a movement as it bent the arc of the moral compass toward fairness and equality; and we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, every American can draw strength from the story of hard-won progress which not only defines the African American experience, but also lies at the heart of our Nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the struggle of African Americans inspires a new generation of leaders, and teaches us all that when we unite in common purpose and for the common good, we can right the wrongs of the past and make our world better for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben McAdams, Mayor of Salt Lake County, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as

## National African American History Month

and call upon public officials, educators, librarians and all people of Salt Lake County to observe this month with respectful programs, ceremonies and activities.