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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

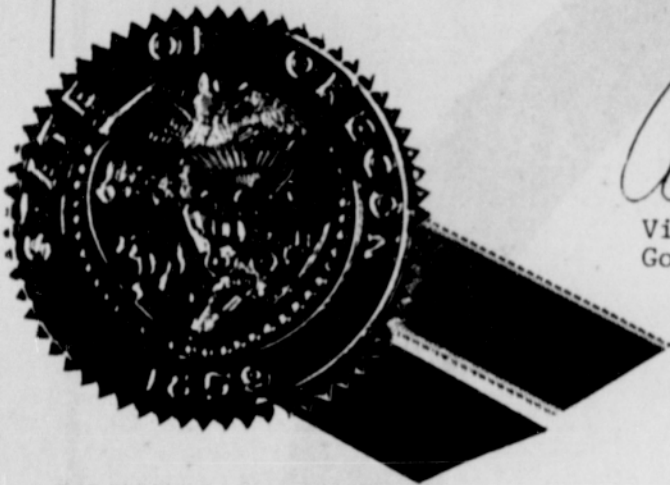
1983 marks the fifty-seventh anniversary of organized efforts to celebrate the month of February as Black History Month, initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

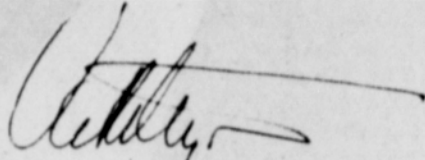
Through the celebration and recognition of contributions to Oregon by Americans of African ancestry; historically by contributing to the development of this country; culturally by broadening the scope of musical, literary, and artistic accomplishments; and professionally by bringing a unique perspective to the work environment, the month of February thus serves to build goodwill and understanding between people for the general well-being of all people in our society.

In this spirit, as Governor, I hereby proclaim the month of February, 1983 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in Oregon. I urge Oregonians to join me in tribute to National Black History Month and to the message of courage, perseverance, freedom, equality and justice it brings to all of us.




Vic Atiyeh
Governor



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of February is a time to recognize the contributions to our culture and development made by Americans of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the 1900's marked the beginning of a new century, and optimism reigned for Black businesses in Portland; and

WHEREAS, Black business pioneers of that time included Waldo Bogle, barbershop owner and civil rights leader; A. D. Griffin, owner of the first Black newspaper in Portland; W. D. Allen, owner/operator of one of Portland's prominent hotels; and Edward and William Rutherford, investors and property owners; and

WHEREAS, these and many other Black business people have contributed to our city the strength and sinew needed to build a sound economic life throughout our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Francis J. Ivancie, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim the week of February 20-27, 1983, to be

BLACK BUSINESS WEEK

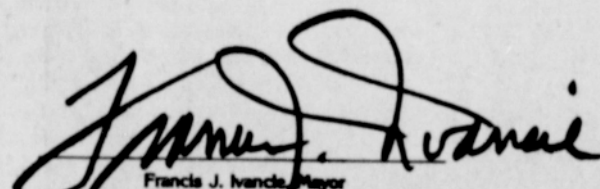
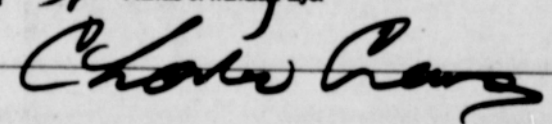
in Portland, and urge all Portlanders to join me in tribute to Portland's Black business pioneers with special recognition of the National Business League, the nation's oldest National Business Association, founded in 1900 under the leadership of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and whose Oregon Chapter stresses economic development in the black community.

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Francis J. Ivancie, Mayor




"Art is a mirror of life. But the important thing is to reflect that life so as to make it better."

— Harry Belafonte



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