SENATE RESOLUTION

8665

By Senators Nobles, Bateman, Chapman, Cortes, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, Lovelett, Lovick, Pedersen, Robinson, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Wellman, Valdez, C. Wilson, Alvarado, Cleveland, Frame, Krishnadasan, Liias, Orwall, Saldaña, Wagoner, and J. Wilson

WHEREAS, Each February, Black History Month is observed to recognize and honor the history, resilience, leadership, and contributions of Black Americans whose lives and labor have shaped Washington state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Black history is American history, marked by generations who endured enslavement, segregation, and systemic injustice while continuing to build families, institutions, culture, and movements that expanded opportunity and strengthened democracy; and

WHEREAS, Black Washingtonians have made enduring contributions across every sector of civic life, including education, labor, military leadership, local businesses, the arts and sciences, faith, and public service, helping to shape the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, These contributions reflect a tradition grounded in high standards, discipline, and care for community, carried forward by leaders who understood that the higher one aims, the higher future generations are able to rise; and

WHEREAS, The history and sacrifices of Black communities embody principles that continue to guide public service: Excellence in purpose, grace in leadership, empathy in decision making, kindness in community, and understanding across differences; and

WHEREAS, Honoring Black history also means honoring the ancestors whose courage, wisdom, and perseverance laid the foundation for

progress, and whose legacy continues to guide leadership grounded in responsibility, humility, and care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes February as Black History Month and honors the enduring commitment, leadership, and history of Black Americans in Washington state and throughout the nation.

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8665, adopted by the Senate February 16, 2026

SARAH BANNISTER
Secretary of the Senate