

**Office of the County Executive
King County, Washington**

P r o c l a m a t i o n

WHEREAS, February has been designated as Black History Month, a time to recognize the Black people who have made significant contributions to our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the presence and contributions of Black people in the Northwest region predates the formation of the State of Washington in 1889; and

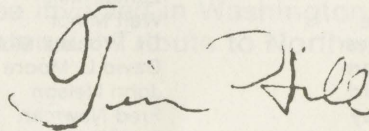
WHEREAS, Black pioneers have greatly enhanced the arts, culture and economic growth and development of Washington State and King County; and

WHEREAS, the Black Northwest Pioneers Steering Committee and The Bon Marche are sponsoring a centennial tribute to Northwest Black Pioneers to foster greater awareness and understanding of these people's contributions to our area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Hill, King County Executive, proclaim
February 17-21, 1988, as

NORTHWEST BLACK PIONEERS WEEK

in King County and invite all residents to recognize the important contributions made by the Northwest Black Pioneers and to participate in Centennial Tribute.



Tim Hill

King County Executive