

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, each February Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history; and

WHEREAS, we use this month to honor the rich history and contributions made by Black Americans who have helped shape our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 national theme for observance is: “African Americans and the Arts,” which explores how Black Americans have impacted visual and performing arts, music, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, architecture, culinary, and other cultural movements throughout the history of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have and continue to make substantial contributions locally to industries of all kinds in our region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas recognizes that racial and ethnic diversity enriches our community and acknowledges the challenges that Black Americans face in achieving equity, opportunity, and social mobility; and

WHEREAS, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are priorities we are determined to work toward eliminating disparities to build a better future, ensure safety, trust, and belonging for all in our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim February 2024, as:

***“Black History Month”***

in the City of Camas and encourage all citizens this month and throughout the year to observe, celebrate, and honor Black history and culture and the contributions of Black Americans in our community and throughout our region, state, and nation.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

  
Steve Hogan, Mayor