

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, for centuries, the United States of America, which includes the state of Washington, has been plagued with discrimination and racism; and

WHEREAS, based upon part of the US Declaration of Independence that Thomas Jefferson penned in 1776, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS, currently there are no holidays known or set aside, day nor month, to bring American people together as one people; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance (TMA) and constituents deem July of each year be recognized as, Love Thy Neighbor Month;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ellen Burton, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim July 2021, as:

***“Love Thy Neighbor Month”***

in the City of Camas and encourage all citizens to foster, appreciate and demonstrate love, not hate gestures, to those of difference race, faiths, beliefs, gender, or cultures found in our great state.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.



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Ellen Burton, Mayor Pro Tem