

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, Each February, Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history. We use this month to honor the rich history and contributions made by African Americans who have helped shape our city, state and nation.

WHEREAS, Black History Month was first proposed by Dr. Carter G. Woodson who is known as the “Father of Black History Month” and centers on the struggles and triumphs of African Americans to provide a more robust story of America and the diversity that makes this country unique.

WHEREAS, the 2022 national theme for observance is: “Black Health and Wellness”. This focus helps celebrate the contributions and breakthroughs of Black professionals, as well as speaking to the cultural richness of those “non-traditional” health and wellness practitioners.

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

WHEREAS, African American leaders and innovators have and continue to leave an indelible imprint on our community by presenting an example of the rewards of hard work and perseverance. We honor and celebrate those contributions - past and present - throughout the month of February; and

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

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging are priorities, and we are committed to working with our community to eradicate racism in all forms to provide an inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our region, state, and nation. We are determined to work toward eliminating disparities in communities of color, and creating a better future ensuring safety, trust, and belonging for all in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim
February 2022, 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 in our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all through appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and
caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed
this 7th day of February 2022.

Steve Hogan, Mayor