

## ~ 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, 2026 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans, the national theme for observance is: "A Century of Black History Commemorations," which highlights the evolution of Black history, promoting, protecting, and preserving the legacy of Black American history and its impact on the modern world; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month has become a vital and far-reaching civic tradition – recognized by presidential proclamation and federal law - that brings Black history into schools, cultural institutions, public spaces, workplaces, and homes, and remains vital to fostering an accurate and inclusive understanding of history, safeguarding democratic values, and celebrating the enduring contributions and lived experiences of Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and respectful community where the dignity, history, and contributions of all people are recognized and valued, and where Black Americans are affirmed as essential to the civic, cultural, and economic life of the nation and the world,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim February 2026 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor