

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, the Camas Farmers Market was founded in 2008 and has since become a vibrant and cherished tradition in our community, celebrating its 18th year in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the market now welcomes an average of 1,500 visitors weekly, 6,750 monthly, and over 27,000 annually, providing a thriving space where residents come together to enjoy local, fresh produce and products; and

WHEREAS, the market features more than 50 unique vendors throughout the season, showcasing the diversity, dedication, and quality of our region's farmers, food producers, and artisans; and

WHEREAS, the Camas Farmers Market is grounded in guiding principles that include providing access to local and sustainable foods, championing local farms and producers, fostering authentic connections between growers and the community, including vulnerable populations, and inspiring healthy lifestyles through education, engagement, and community gathering; and

WHEREAS, the market proudly offers a safe, inclusive space where families of all kinds can gather, learn, and grow together, and has become a cornerstone of community connection and well-being; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 alone, more than \$390,000 was spent at the market, benefiting local vendors and contributing to the vitality of downtown Camas, with local merchants reporting increased support each Wednesday; and

WHEREAS, the Camas Farmers Market not only enriches our physical health through better access to fresh, local food, but also nourishes our sense of community, belonging, and shared purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2025, as:

### **“Camas Farmers Market Day”**

In the City of Camas, and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating the outstanding contributions of the Camas Farmers Market to our community.

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 June 2025.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor