

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Camas; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving physical fitness and positively impacting mental health for our community members; and

WHEREAS, parks, playgrounds, trails, open spaces, and public gathering spaces make communities attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and

WHEREAS, parks and public gathering spaces provide opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as after-school and summer break programming, youth sports, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential and adaptable and make our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity through higher property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, Camas recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

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

### ***“Parks and Recreation Month”***

in the City of Camas and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor