

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and aims to raise awareness and educate about breast health and breast cancer, a leading cause of death in women in the United States. The month also recognizes the many survivors, those living with metastatic breast cancer, their supporters and loved ones and honors lives lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS, in the Pacific Northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer while the national average is 1 in 8 women; breast cancer also affects 1% of men, and only 15% of diagnoses are related to family history; 20-30% of those diagnosed with early disease will experience a recurrence; and

WHEREAS, there are still too many health disparities among underserved communities by income, geography, insurance, race, ethnicity, age, and gender who are disproportionately affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, Pink Lemonade Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, is on a mission to educate, empower, and support all communities affected by breast cancer with vital outreach, education, screening, financial assistance, support groups, mentors, and books across Oregon and SW Washington; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread essential messages of early detection, screening and prevention, and assistance to women and men before, during, and after a diagnosis to increase health equity, reduce the number of new diagnoses, increase survivorship and improve everyone's quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:

### ***“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”***

in the City of Camas and urge as many residents as possible to raise awareness and funds to help support life-saving research and programs.

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 October 2023.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor