

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, Native Americans have inhabited the area now known as Washington State since time immemorial, and today, 29 federally recognized Indian Tribes, out-of-state Tribes with treaty reserved rights, and other tribal communities reside in Washington; and

WHEREAS, members and descendants of tribes around the United States and First Nations of Canada also reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Native American contributions and values have shaped the social, political, environmental, and economic fabric of the state and this region while also enhancing freedom, prosperity, and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, despite a painful history marked by unjust Federal policies of assimilation and termination, Native Americans and Indigenous Peoples have not only persevered but have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout Washington, and in Camas, where the City is named after the Camas Lilly, a vital plant prized by local tribes, and

WHEREAS, Camas joins other cities across the nation in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage of this continent's First People and reaffirming the commitment to respect each Tribe's sovereign and cultural identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as:

“Native American Heritage Month”

in the City of Camas and call upon all our residents to recognize and commend its observance.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 4th day of November 2024.

Steve Hogan, Mayor