

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation took approximately two and a half years to reach authorities and Black Americans in the South and Southwestern United States, with the delayed announcement occurring on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to Black Americans and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the Black American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates Black American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, the celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as:

“Juneteenth Day”

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 15th day of June 2026.

Steve Hogan, Mayor