

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, in shattering glass ceilings, overcoming discrimination, harassment, and hardship, women have been bold and fearless, never giving up on the promise that with hard work and determination, nothing is out of reach and thereby widening the circle of opportunities for women and girls; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force; and

WHEREAS, women served as leaders at the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in other movements such as the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, and the civil rights movement which supports a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women have served our country courageously in the military and were particularly important in the establishment of early philanthropic and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women, especially minority women, have been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, in remembering the trailblazers of the past and the heroines of the present day, we honor their legacies by carrying forward the valuable lessons learned from the examples they set; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," honors the women who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

***"Women's History Month"***

In the City of Camas, I call upon 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor