

~ 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 in recent years; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play 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 in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, which create 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 charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women has 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 present day, we honor their legacies by carrying forward the valuable lessons learned from the powerful examples they set; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced," honors the women who have led efforts to promote equality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barry McDonnell, Mayor of the City of Camas, in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2021, as

*"Women's History Month"*

in Camas, Washington and I urge 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 1st day of March, 2021.

Barry McDonnell, Mayor