

Proclamation Process

Each month, the Mayor issues one or more proclamations on behalf of the City of Camas. A proclamation is an official announcement that publicly recognizes a meaningful cause, initiative, or observance. All proclamations are signed by the Mayor and read aloud at a Regular Council Meeting during the relevant month or day of observance. If the Regular Council Meeting agenda is full, or during proclamation-heavy months such as May, June, and July, some proclamations will be read by title only and/or posted on our website and social media platforms.

Proclamations are ceremonial in nature — they celebrate and bring attention to events and issues important to our community.

The Mayor's office maintains an annual list of proclamations, though new requests are welcomed throughout the year. Proclamations may be initiated by community members, Council members, or the Mayor. Some have been part of the City's tradition for years based on past public or Council requests, while others reflect causes the Mayor wishes to highlight for our community. **Proclamations are not statements of policy and do not require the approval or action of the Council.**

Reviewing Public Requests for Proclamations

Staff will consider requests to proclaim certain events or causes when such proclamations positively impact the community and convey an affirmative message to Camas community members.

Proclamations that are political in nature, that are controversial, or that likely would not enjoy a high level of community interest and support are discouraged.

Public Request Procedure

1. Requests are to be made by City residents.
2. The request must be made at least four weeks in advance of a regularly scheduled Council meeting.
3. A local resident is to be in attendance to accept the proclamation. *This is not a hard-and-fast rule – it is a preference. Remote attendance is acceptable as well.*
4. The City retains the right to modify, edit, or otherwise amend the proposed proclamation to meet its requirements, needs, or policy determinations.
5. The City retains the right to decide if the proclamation will be issued or not.
6. The person(s) making the request must submit a completed *Application Requesting a City Proclamation* and submit a copy of the proposed proclamation. A sample proclamation is attached to the application to provide format suggestions.
7. The Mayor, City Administrator, and/or staff designee will determine if the proposed proclamation meets the intent of this policy. When there is uncertainty in making this determination, the Mayor will consult with the Leadership Team for their guidance.
8. Once approved, the proclamation will be added to the appropriate Council agenda.
9. If not approved, the applicant will be notified of the decision and the reason(s) for the decision.

2026 Proclamations:

February

Black History Month

March

Women's History Month

American Red Cross Month

Public Procurement Month (This is a new request from the Finance Director)

April

Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Library Week

May

Water Safety Month

Taiwanese American Heritage Week

National Public Works Week

Military Appreciation Month (online)

Jewish American Heritage Month (online)

June

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (online)

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Juneteenth Day

July

Parks and Recreation Month

September

Constitution Week

Hispanic Heritage Month

October

Disability Employment Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

November

Veterans Day

Native American Heritage Month