

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, each February Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history; and

WHEREAS, we use this month to honor the rich history and contributions made by Black Americans who have helped shape our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 national theme for observance is: “African Americans and Labor” which explores how Black Americans have been a part of the labor force in the United States since the first enslaved Africans arrived. They have faced many challenges in the labor force, including discrimination and exclusion, but have also been leaders in the labor movement; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have and continue to make substantial contributions to the labor industry including leading many labor activism efforts, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and other efforts nationally and in our region; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas recognizes that racial and ethnic diversity enriches our community and acknowledges the challenges that Black Americans face in achieving equity, opportunity, and labor equality; and

WHEREAS, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are priorities we are determined to work toward eliminating disparities to build a better future, ensure safety, trust, and belonging for all in our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim February 2025, as:

### ***“Black History Month”***

in the City of Camas and encourage all citizens this month and throughout the year to observe, celebrate, and honor Black history and culture and the contributions of Black Americans in our community and throughout our region, state, and nation.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor