

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation 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, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, 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, Ellen Burton, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, 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 7th day of June, 2021.



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Ellen Burton, Mayor Pro Tem