

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans who returned from campaigns in Cuba and the Philippines, and banded together to create a veterans organization that would advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard, and Reserve forces; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military, and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the VFW has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, and the creation of every national veterans' memorial; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has played a vital role in virtually every significant piece of veterans legislation passed in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, including the Honoring Our PACT Act, the most significant expansions of veterans benefits in history; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2024, as:

### ***“Veterans of Foreign Wars Day”***

in honor of the VFW's invaluable contributions to the Camas veteran community and veteran communities worldwide. We stand with the VFW to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor