

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the Hispanic community, highlights its countless achievements, represents the significant and fast-growing demographic in Clark County and across the country; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, programs; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanic Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Mayans, and the Tainos, some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World, and now serve as Civil Rights leaders, politicians, military service members, educators, first responders, pioneers of science, and public servants for our country; and

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15 is recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Hispanics and Latinos contribute to our common goals, celebrate their diverse cultures, and work towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024 as:

**“Hispanic Heritage Month”**

in the City of Camas and call upon all our residents to recognize this observance.



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