

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, the Nation is currently experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade, and the local blood supply has hit emergency levels; and

WHEREAS, if the blood supply does not stabilize, life-saving blood may not be available for some patients when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, the month of January historically is a period of critical blood shortages, blood centers like Bloodworks Northwest continue to face a decline in donor turnout; especially during the holidays and cold and flu season; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1969, the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Bloodworks Northwest is saving lives through research, innovation, education, and excellence in blood, medical, and laboratory services in partnership with our community and by supplying 95 percent of the Pacific Northwest's blood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim January 2023, as:

“Blood Donor Awareness Month”

and encourage all its residents to give back by donating blood, donating funds, and volunteering with organizations like Bloodworks Northwest. Their lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 17th day of January 2023.



Steve Hogan, Mayor