

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for some type of labor act and/or commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the commercial sexual exploitation and/or labor of persons of any age where force, fraud, or coercion exist and often unequally intersect with race, class, or income; and

WHEREAS, due to the isolating nature of human trafficking, many individuals are unaware that this crime even exists in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, we continue to advocate for increased education in how to identify and prevent human trafficking with improved victim identification, training of teachers, first responders, medical providers, and social service programs for survivors, as well as increased public awareness as critical elements to ending human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, January 2011, marked the first National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas is committed to protecting the rights of those who are exploited while holding traffickers, exploiters, and buyers accountable for the harm they cause; and

WHEREAS, this observance serves as an opportunity to recognize the critical role each of us play in creating a world in which no person is ever bought, sold, or exploited;

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

“Human Trafficking Awareness Month”

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



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