

WHEREAS, on October 30, 1985, the Board of Clark County Commissioners instituted the Legacy Lands Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, the Legacy Lands Program has preserved more than 5,000 acres of conservation and recreation lands; and

WHEREAS, acquisitions have been throughout Clark County on every major lake and stream system, namely Vancouver Lake Lowlands, Burnt Bridge Creek, Salmon Creek, Whipple Creek, East Fork Lewis River, North Fork Lewis River, Lacamas Creek, Lacamas Lake and the Washougal River; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Lands Program has leveraged more than \$20 million in non-county resources to accomplish conservation objectives; and

WHEREAS, legacy lands protect critical fish and wildlife habitat, preserve forests and shore lands, enhance property values, and provide recreational opportunities such as hiking, riding, fishing, swimming, picnicking, paddling and wildlife viewing.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Councilors, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as

~ Legacy Lands Month ~

in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Clark County's Legacy Lands Program, and urge residents and visitors to explore and enjoy these special places.

Signed on this 13thth day of October 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY CONCILORS FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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