

~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

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

WHEREAS, since 1985, the Legacy Lands program has preserved more than 5,500 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 \$38.6 million in non-county resources to accomplish conservation objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Lands program has forged successful partnerships with local municipalities, nonprofit organizations, state and federal agencies, and community groups to complete conservation projects and engage thousands of residents in environmental education and stewardship activities; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Lands protect critical fish and wildlife habitat, preserve forests and shore lands, conserve agricultural lands, enhance property values, improve water quality, and provide recreational opportunities such as hiking, riding, fishing, swimming, picnicking, paddling and wildlife viewing.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clark County Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

~ Legacy Lands Month ~

in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Clark County's Legacy Lands program and urge community members to explore and enjoy these special places.

Signed on this the ____ day of October 2025

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