~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Clark County has a number of beloved lakes which are vital public resources that support recreation, habitat, wildlife, public health, community identity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, July is recognized nationally as Lake Appreciation Month, a time to celebrate the value of lakes and to encourage stewardship of these important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver Lake is one of Clark County's most treasured natural places and as a shoreline of statewide significance under Washington law is recognized as an important public and environmental resource for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver Lake belongs to the whole community and serves people across Clark County as a place of belonging, a site to recreate, row, picnic, and experience the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver Lake has a long history of community care, public investment, and collaborative planning, including efforts by Clark County, the City of Vancouver, The Port of Vancouver, state agencies, Tribal representatives, scientists, user groups, community organizations, and residents; and

WHEREAS, caring for Vancouver Lake requires continued partnership, education, stewardship, and a shared commitment to keeping this resource healthy, accessible, and welcoming for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Clark County Council does hereby proclaim July 2026 as

~Lake Appreciation Month~

in Clark County and encourages all residents to celebrate, enjoy, protect, and steward Vancouver Lake as an extraordinary community resource for Clark County, today and for generations to come.

Signed this 21st day of July, 2026.

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