City of Vancouver, Washington Proclamation

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1964, the Clark County Historical Museum was opened by the members of the Fort Vancouver Historical Society after years of planning and volunteer involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Historical Museum came into existence at the local heritage site of Vancouver's Historic Carnegie Library, built in 1909, at 1511 Main St., Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, today, the volunteers, staff, and trustees continue to demonstrate that same "labor of love" for the museum, including the continued expansion of their exhibits beyond the walls of the historic library and meet residents where they are at across Clark County; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Historical Museum works with partners to facilitate the community telling its own story, in its own words, and on its own terms through the stories and images of history-keepers, historians, photographers, storytellers, writers, and many more passionate supporters of local history; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Clark County Historical Museum is to oversee and facilitate responsible collections stewardship, innovative collaboration, and inspiring exhibitions and programs that engage the community in an exploration of Clark County's past, present, and future: and

WHEREAS, the Museum's community-centered programming initiatives today provides insight into the many stories that make up the mosaic of our community by providing a platform for community building, public engagement, and outreach based on the needs of every person in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 24th in May as:

"Clark County Historical Museum Day 2024"

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to celebrate the foundation of success that the past six decades have brought the Clark County Historical Museum, and to celebrate what the next six decades will bring.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 20th day of May 2024.

NNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR