

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL DAY
PROCLAMATION 22-02**

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, community organizations, City Council and Staff of John Day, Oregon recognize the special importance of investments into our community to the economic future and quality of life in Grant County; and

WHEREAS, the over \$5,000,000 (five million dollars) in investments in the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site and the surrounding area by the State of Oregon, the Oregon State of Parks and Recreation Department, and the tireless efforts of volunteers and the Friends of Kam Wah Chung, are recognized for their contributions to the community and culture of John Day; and

WHEREAS, the co-investments made in John Day by the City and its partners including the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and the over \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) made available to Grant County Digital by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State of Oregon and local contributions will provide power and fiber connectivity for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the precious nature of water, particularly the special place the John Day River holds for the Blue Mountains ecoregion and the ranchers, farmers, businesses, and residents that make productive use of it is understood; and

WHEREAS, while other regions in the state and across the country are uncertain about their future access to water, the John Day Water Reclamation Center will provide water security for our community, the environment, and generations of John Day residents to come; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of community organizations, including John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation District and the Grant County Library Foundation are recognized for their positive contributions to the quality of life of residents and families in our community; and

WHEREAS the individual contributions to our collective quality of life by community-oriented residents and families, and on this day, particularly the Hill Family as represented by Celeste and Colleen Hill for their sale of the Hill Family Park to the City of John Day for the enjoyment of residents, are recognized for their generosity and importance; and

WHEREAS, the sum total of these contributions to our community are tallied and recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Lundbom, Mayor of the City of John Day, do hereby proclaim June 10th, 2022, as

COMMUNITY RENEWAL DAY, dated this 10th day of June 2022.



Ron Lundbom, Mayor