

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is committed to ensuring that all residents have a safe and affordable place to live; and

WHEREAS, it is a universally shared belief that sidewalks, alleyways, and other outdoor spaces are not safe, healthy, or humane for those struggling with mental health, substance abuse, or other conditions that require emergency interventions and a permanent housing solution to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring; and

WHEREAS, Spokane has relied on a Housing First approach, which entails identifying and assisting households experiencing homelessness to obtain permanent housing quickly – without treatment or sobriety pre-conditions and with few to no barriers – through housing counseling and navigation assistance, tailored levels of rental assistance, and/or wrap-around supportive services, as needed; and

WHEREAS, *House America*, launched on September 20, 2021, is a partnership between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), states, and communities to respond with urgency to address the crisis of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is committed to working with HUD and USICH to use American Rescue Plan resources and other federal, state, and local resources to make progress towards ending homelessness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim that, as of September 1, 2022, the City of Spokane proudly joins

HOUSE AMERICA

with the goal to add 313 new units of affordable or supportive housing and an additional 100 spaces of transitional housing for individuals currently residing at Camp Hope.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
10th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

