

# *CITY OF YAKIMA P R O C L A M A T I O N*

*WHEREAS, people from every corner of the globe have come to our shores in pursuit of happiness and a better life for themselves and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, we can pay tribute to those who shaped the land we love today while working to secure everlasting peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all who call America home by welcoming our newest citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, La Casa Hogar has been providing Latina women and children opportunities to pursue education to strengthen themselves, their families and this community since 1988; and*

*WHEREAS, people who are naturalized are more civically engaged, feel a stronger sense of belonging, and can better invest in their families and in Yakima; and*

*WHEREAS, La Casa Hogar has been offering Citizenship and Naturalization opportunities to immigrant families since 2014 preparing them for their naturalization application in order for them to increase their income, their probability of homeownership and overall employment in our community; and*

*WHEREAS, in September of this year, La Casa Hogar celebrated naturalization of its one-thousandth citizen.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the Yakima City Council do hereby proclaim October 2, 2018 as*

## *“NEW CITIZENS DAY”*

*in the City of Yakima and encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of active citizenship and reaffirm our commitment to the rights and obligations of citizenship in this great Nation.*

*Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018*

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*Kathy Coffey, Mayor*