

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for 22 years a group of volunteers has formed a committee to host a performance festival for high school marching bands across Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the festival named Harvest Marching Band Festival, featuring marching band field shows at Zaepfel Stadium on campus at Eisenhower High School, is hosted for one day annually on a Saturday in October; and

WHEREAS, the festival is comprised of volunteers across the City of Yakima, parents of Eisenhower High School Marching Band students, parents of AC Davis High School Marching Band students, and other many community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, through coordinated efforts of the committee, the festival provides a safe environment for this year's 20 high school marching bands to perform, compete against one another in separate divisions including A Class, AA Class, AAA Class, and Open Class; and

WHEREAS, certified judges will be in attendance to provide scoring on each band's performances in areas including musical aptitude, coordination, performance, and high performing bands will move on to finals to repeat performances a second time on the same day; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds will go to funding the Eisenhower High School Marching Band, AC Davis High School Marching Band and the Harvest Marching Band Festival to fund the festival in future years,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2023 as

"HARVEST MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Yakima and encourage any and all individuals with an interest in marching band and field shows to purchase tickets and attend the performances which run from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2023

Janice Deccio, Mayor