



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, More than 50 years ago, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

WHEREAS, January is a period of critical blood shortages. People stop donating blood during the holidays and when they get sick; and this past year's severe weather caused the cancellation of many donor events; and

WHEREAS, A blood transfusion occurs every two seconds in America, 1 in 7 people entering a hospital depend on a ready and available blood supply and a single donation can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield High School students hosted a blood drive on January 4th to inspire the next generation of blood donors; and

WHEREAS, Bloodworks NW, a local non-profit community based organization founded in 1944, provides a lifesaving blood supply to 95% of hospitals in the pacific northwest, and

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgefield partners with Bloodworks NW to provide pop-up blood donation centers at the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) to support local patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROB AICHELE, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as

“RIDGEFIELD BLOOD DONOR MONTH”

and encourage all residents to celebrate the New Year by giving blood now.

Dated this 12th day of January 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD



Rob Aichele, Mayor Pro Tem