



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, January 2024 marks the 54<sup>th</sup> celebration of National Blood Donor Month which started in 1970 to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood at a time when more blood is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather, and cold and flu season, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, In only 45-60 minutes, an eligible individual can donate one unit of blood that can be separated into four individual components that could save multiple lives, and

**WHEREAS**, Bloodworks NW, a local non-profit community based organization, collects about 900 units of blood each day and distributes it to more than 90 hospitals in the 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, and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield High School HOSA Club is hosting their next blood drive with Bloodworks NW on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 to inspire the next generation of blood donors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

**“RIDGEFIELD BLOOD DONOR MONTH”**

and encourage all residents to celebrate the New Year by giving blood in this time of need.

Dated this 11th day of January 2024.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
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Mayor