



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In times crisis, people in Ridgefield come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross Cascades Region volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Ridgefield, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy; and

WHEREAS, In the Cascades Region, serving SW Washington and Oregon, the contributions of more than 2,500 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. Volunteers have provided more than 600 emergency overnight shelter stays; food and comfort for families devastated by 800 local disasters such as home fires; support for service members and veterans; blood drives that collected more than 182,000 units of essential blood; and help to save lives with first aid and CPR; and

WHEREAS, We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March, 2023 as

"RED CROSS MONTH"

and encourage all residents to join this commitment by donating, volunteering or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

Dated this 9th day of March 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD


Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor