

# City of Vancouver, Washington

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in the City of Vancouver and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis.
- WHEREAS, This generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton — one of the most honored women in our country's history — who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering.
- WHEREAS, Today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the Southwest Washington chapter of the American Red Cross to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need.
- WHEREAS, Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food, and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans, and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises.
- WHEREAS, Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim  
4th in March as:

### **“ American Red Cross Month ”**

in the City of Vancouver, we encourage all citizens to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 4th day of March 2024.

*Anne McEnery-Ogle*  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR