

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the nation experiences the worst blood shortage in over a decade and the local blood supply has hit emergency levels. If the blood supply does not stabilize life-saving blood may not be available for some patients when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, the month of January historically is a period of critical blood shortages. Blood centers like Bloodworks NW continue to face a decline in donor turnout during the holidays, and many donors falling ill during cold and flu season; and

WHEREAS, on December 31st, 1969, the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month. This observance is meant to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Bloodworks NW is saving lives through research, innovation, education, and excellence in blood, medical, and laboratory services in partnership with our community; and

WHEREAS, as part of this mission, Bloodworks NW supplies 95 percent of the Pacific Northwest's blood; including all hospitals in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, Bloodworks NW has a fixed donor center located at 9320 NE Vancouver Mall Drive Suite #100 Vancouver, WA 98662. Mobile blood drives are being hosted throughout Clark County year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the month of January as

"Blood Donor Month"

and encourage all its resident to give back by donating, volunteering or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to a strengthening our community's resilience.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 9th day of January, 2023.


ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR