

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, In times of crisis, people in Vancouver 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 Vancouver, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and
- WHEREAS, In the Cascades Region, which serves Oregon and SW Washington, the contributions of more than 2,500 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours; and
- WHEREAS, In the past year, these volunteers responded to over 890 local disasters, mostly house fires. They deployed 500 times for wildfires, floods, and hurricanes across the country, and through the generosity of blood donors, more than 182,000 units of essential blood were used for accident victims, heart surgery patients, and those receiving treatment for cancer or sickle cell disease; and
- WHEREAS, They supported service members and veterans an average of eight times a day, along with their families and caregivers through the unique challenges of military life. And they helped save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills training; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and
- WHEREAS, Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. 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." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

" Red Cross Month "

in the City of Vancouver and we ask others to join in this commitment to give back to our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 3rd day of March 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR