

~ PROCLAMATION ~

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies throughout Southwest Washington, Oregon, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, our Red Cross, the Cascades Region and SW Washington Chapter, has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer with Preparedness Programs and CPR and First Aid Training; supporting military, veterans and their families; and providing lifesaving blood to our medical community; and

WHEREAS, last year, in the Cascades Region, more than 2,500 volunteers helped the families affected by over 680 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support; and

WHEREAS, when large disasters like the summer and fall wildfires, again, devastated our region, volunteers from our area and across the country provided 1,600 overnight stays, along with meals and snacks, relief items, emotional support counseling, recovery planning and other assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross continues to carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to home fires and other disasters or rolling up their sleeves to give more than 182,000 units of blood in the Cascades Region when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as:

***"Red Cross Month"***

in the City of Camas, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2022.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor