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In times of crisis, people in Camas 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.

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 CAMAS who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially 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 provided financial assistance to **692 local households**, impacted by house fires involving 2,339 individuals. They deployed more than 200 **local volunteers to respond to disasters involving wildfires, floods, tornados and hurricanes across the country**; and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of blood donors, more than **251,475** 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 **eleven 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. 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, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2025, 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 3rd day of March 2025.

Steve Hogan, Mayor