

~ PROCLAMATION ~

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, the Cascades Region and Southwest Washington Chapter of the Red Cross 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, CPR and First Aid Training, and providing lifesaving blood to our medical community; and

WHEREAS, in the Cascades Region, more than 2,500 volunteers helped families affected by local disasters last year, such as the summer and fall wildfires, volunteers from our area and across the country provided overnight stays, meals, and snacks, relief items, emotional support and counseling, recovery planning, and other assistance; and

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

WHEREAS, people continue to help others in need post-pandemic, whether it was responding to more than 700 home fires and other disasters or rolling up their sleeves to give over 189,000 units of essential blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; 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 2024, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Steve Hogan, Mayor