

~ 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, 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 through providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, last year, in the Cascades Region, more than 3,000 volunteers helped the families affected by over 650 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support; and

WHEREAS, when large disasters like the fall wildfires of 2020 devastated our region, volunteers from our area and across the country provided 173,489 overnight stays, 387,590 meals and snacks, 9,955 relief items, emotional support, 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 this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give more than 148,500 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, Barry McDonnell, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim March 2021, 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 1st day of March, 2021.

Barry McDonnell, Mayor

