

PROCLAMATION
Cascades Region
Red Cross Month, March 2025



American Red Cross
Southwest Washington

In times of crisis, people in Stevenson 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 City of Stevenson 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.

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.

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.**

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.

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.

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, Mayor Scott Anderson, City of Stevenson, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Stevenson, in Skamania County and State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Stevenson to reach out and support their humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the City of Stevenson, in Skamania County, State of Washington.

SCOTT ANDERSON, STEVENSON CITY MAYOR