

# City of Tualatin

## Mayoral Proclamation

### *Proclamation Declaring January 2025 as Blood Donor Month*

*WHEREAS*, regular blood donations are a critical resource for local hospitals and health systems to provide lifesaving care for their communities and only 3% of the eligible US population donates blood each year; and

*WHEREAS*, the month of January historically is a period of critical blood shortages. Blood centers like Bloodworks Northwest continue to face a decline in donor turnout during the holidays, with many donors falling ill during cold and flu season; and

*WHEREAS*, on December 31st, 1969, the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month. This observance is meant to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

*WHEREAS*, the mission of Bloodworks Northwest is saving lives through research, innovation, education, and excellence in blood, medical, and laboratory services in partnership with our community. As part of this mission, Bloodworks Northwest supplies 95 percent of the Pacific Northwest's blood; and

*WHEREAS*, the Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center has partnered with Bloodworks Northwest to provide pop-up blood donation opportunities where the community can give blood throughout the year to support local patients.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Frank Bubenik, Tualatin Mayor, do hereby proclaim January 2025 as

### **"BLOOD DONOR MONTH"**

and encourage all residents to give back by donating, volunteering, or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to a strengthening our community's resilience.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025

Mayor Frank Bubenik