

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the Civil War, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. Its national headquarters, just a few blocks from the White House, was built as a memorial to the women of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 143 years, the employees, volunteers, and supporters of the American Red Cross have met loss and disaster with compassion and care. They remind us that we must leave no one behind. During March of this year, we celebrate the ordinary citizens who perform extraordinary acts of service, and we honor the Red Cross for its commitment to making our country and world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Across America, we have seen the work of the Red Cross firsthand. When hurricanes make landfall and floodwaters rise, the Red Cross is ready to provide food, shelter, and emergency supplies. When wildfires spread and tornadoes uproot communities, volunteers arrive from around the county to help survivors heal, recover, and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, We have also turned to the American Red Cross to respond to crises overseas in wake of natural disasters and in preparation for emergencies before they happen. The old saying is still true today: The Red Cross is always there; and

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month, all Americans are encouraged to learn more about donating blood, learning first aid, and participating in events to prevent home fires. It is in our community's DNA to lift each other up, especially on the frontlines of emergencies and disasters; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

March 2024

American Red Cross Month

and I encourage all community members to observe this month with relevant programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to support the work of service of the American Red Cross.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 20th day of February in the year, two thousand twenty-four.




Debbie Sullivan
Mayor