



PROCLAMATION

SW Washington Chapter

Red Cross Month

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. Our Red Cross, Cascades Region and SW Washington Chapter, has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care, and hope during disasters. Also, making our community safer with Preparedness Programs and CPR and First Aid Training; supporting military and veterans and their families; and providing lifesaving blood to our medical community.

WHEREAS: Last year, in the Cascades Region, more than 2,500 volunteers helped the families affected by over 680 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support. Meanwhile, when large disasters like the summer and fall wildfires, again, devastated our region, volunteers from our area and across the country provided more than 1,600 sheltering overnight stays, along with meals and snacks, relief items, emotional support counselling, 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. During the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to home fires and other disasters or rolling up their sleeves to give more than 182,000 units of blood, even when our country faced a severe blood shortage. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. 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 we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

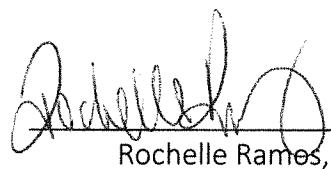
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rochelle Ramos, Mayor of the City of Washougal, hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 to be:

Red Cross Month

In Washougal and encourage all its citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Washougal to be affixed this **28th** day of **February 2022**.

City of Washougal



Rochelle Ramos, Mayor