

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies throughout Oregon, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross Cascades Region 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, in 2020, more than 3,000 Cascades Region volunteers helped families affected by over 650 home fires by addressing their urgent needs such as food and lodging and providing recovery support. Volunteers from our area and across the country provided 173,489 overnight stays, 387,590 meals and snacks, 9,955 relief items, as well as emotional support, recovery planning, and other assistance; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others, 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; and

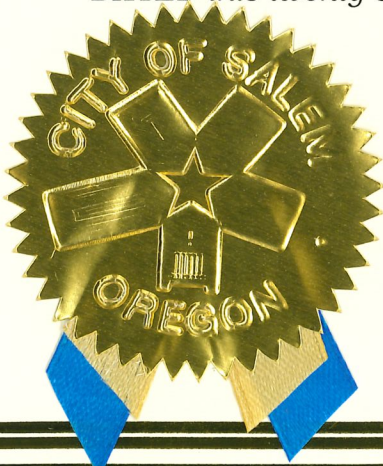
WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate the month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby proclaim March 2021, as

RED CROSS MONTH

and urge all residents to join the City in this special observance.

DATED this twenty-second day of February, 2021.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor