

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Lacey 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 volunteers and donors; and

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; and

WHEREAS, today more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Lacey, 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: and

WHEREAS, in Lacey the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours – whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like home fires; and

WHEREAS, donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross sponsors the Heroes Café event held in our own Lacey Veterans Services Hub which provides vital resources for veterans as well as active-duty military throughout Thurston County; and

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 founder Clara Barton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

American Red Cross Month

in the City of Lacey and encourage all citizens of Lacey to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

Mayor Andy Ryder
March 2, 2023