

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, communities come together to care for one another; American Red Cross volunteers and donors exemplify this humanitarian spirit; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her dedication of 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, 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 partners with our own Lacey Veterans Services Hub and other veteran organizations to sponsor the Thurston County Veterans Resource Fair 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as

American Red Cross Month

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



Mayor Andy Ryder
March 5, 2024

