



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, More than 50 years ago, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

**WHEREAS**, January is a period of critical blood shortages. People stop donating blood during the holidays and when they get sick; and this past year's severe weather caused the cancellation of many donor events; and

**WHEREAS**, A blood transfusion occurs every two seconds in America, 1 in 7 people entering a hospital depend on a ready and available blood supply and a single donation can save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield High School students hosted a blood drive on January 4<sup>th</sup> to inspire the next generation of blood donors; and

**WHEREAS**, Bloodworks NW, a local non-profit community based organization founded in 1944, provides a lifesaving blood supply to 95% of hospitals in the pacific northwest, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgefield partners with Bloodworks NW to provide pop-up blood donation centers at the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) to support local patients.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROB AICHELE, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as

### **“RIDGEFIELD BLOOD DONOR MONTH”**

and encourage all residents to celebrate the New Year by giving blood now.

Dated this 12th day of January 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
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Rob Aichele, Mayor Pro Tem