



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, In times of crisis, people in Ridgefield 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Since Clara Barton founded the Red Cross more than 140 years ago, generations of volunteers and supporters have advanced its lifesaving mission to shelter, feed and provide comfort for victims of disasters, supply about 40% of the nation's blood, teach skills that save lives and support military families; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Cross Month is a national tradition that began in March 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross proclamation – and each U.S. president has followed ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail McGovern, American Red Cross President and CEO, described Red Cross Month: "We are proud to honor the people who deliver care and hope when help can't wait during emergencies. Whether it's volunteering, donating blood or platelets, giving financially or saving a life with first aid and CPR skills, these community heroes provide a beacon of hope in people's darkest hours."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, RON ONSLOW, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March, 2024 as

### **"RED CROSS MONTH"**

and encourage all residents to join the commitment by donating, volunteering or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

Dated this 28TH day of March 2024.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
Ron Onslow, Mayor