



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, Red Cross Month is a national tradition that began in 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross proclamation to raise awareness of the organization and its humanitarian mission; and

WHEREAS, Megan Dulgar, Red Cross NW Region CEO, recognized that volunteers carry out 90% of the Red Cross worked and called people to action: "Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize our neighbors who step up to care for each other. If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, join us to help ensure no one faces an emergency alone," and

WHEREAS, In the Red Cross Cascades Region, serving SW Washington and Oregon, the contributions of more than 2,500 Red Cross volunteers provided relief for 692 households impacted by disasters; conducted 8,630 blood drives; delivered 251,475 units of blood to 60+ area hospitals and cancer treatment centers; provided services to military members, veterans and their families 11 times a day; and trained more than 40,000 people in lifesaving skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT COLE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

"RED CROSS MONTH"

and remind all residents that Red Cross work extends beyond March and encourage you to join the commitment by volunteering, giving blood, learning lifesaving skills or making a financial donation. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

Dated this 10th Day of April 2025.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Matt Cole, Mayor