



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

**WHEREAS**, Last year, more than 3,000 Red Cross volunteers in the Cascades Region helped families affected by over 650 home fires; collected 148,500 units of blood in the face of a severe blood shortage; and is supporting local communities to distribute COVID vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgefield and the Red Cross are partnering to help our community be prepared for a disaster by locating a trailer in the Ridgefield area that contains an emergency shelter and other necessary relief items; and

**WHEREAS**, For nearly 80 years, U.S. presidents have proclaimed March as Red Cross Month to recognize Americans participating in its lifesaving mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DON STOSE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March, 2021 as

### **“Red Cross Month”**

and encourage all its resident to give back by donating, volunteering or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

Dated this 11th day of March 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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Don Stose, Mayor