



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The nation is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade and the local blood supply has hit emergency levels. If the blood supply does not stabilize soon, life-saving blood may not be available for some patients when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Blood centers like Red Cross and Bloodworks NW continue to face a decline in donor turnout, blood drive cancellations, and staffing challenges; and

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. As part of this mission, the Red Cross supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; 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, A 16-year old resident of Ridgefield, Joshua, is in need of blood donors. He was diagnosed with an aggressive bone cancer in September 2021. He is undergoing surgery and intensive chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgefield is partnering with Bloodworks NW to provide a pop-up blood donation center at the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) on February 24-25, 2022 from 11AM to 6PM to support Joshua and patients like him. Donations can be made on behalf of Joshua by providing the group code BELL.

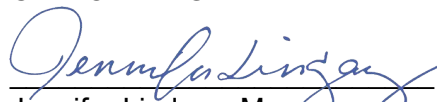
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March, 2022 as

“RIDGEFIELD BLOOD DONOR 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 24th day of February 2022.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD


Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor