

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Medford 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 Cascades Region volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Medford, Oregon, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,500 Red Cross volunteers generously dedicated their time to provide overnight shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by nearly 800 local disasters; donated 182k units of blood for a variety of medical needs; provided first aid, CPR and other skills; and delivered international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, the humanitarian work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience, and we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder, Clara Barton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim March as

RED CROSS MONTH

in the City of Medford, and encourage all citizens to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
2nd day of March 2023.




Randy Sparacino
Mayor