

PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross Month March 2023

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; and

WHEREAS, after 140 years, we continue to honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Albany, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy; and

WHEREAS, in the Cascades Region, the contributions of more than 2,500 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours; and

WHEREAS, the Cascades Region Red Cross have provided more than 600 emergency overnight shelter stays, along with food and comfort for families devastated by nearly 800 local disasters; and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of more than 182,000 units of blood donated in the Cascades Region, the Red Cross has provided for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, the Cascades Region Red Cross also provides support for service members, veterans, their families, and their caregivers an average of nine times a day; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Red Cross to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

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in the city of Albany, Oregon, and we ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community and to thank all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 8th day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander D. Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor" is printed in a serif font.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor