



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 3/1/2023

Subject - New Business - American Red Cross Month Proclamation


Synopsis: The City was contacted by Jeneé Pearce-Mushen - County Volunteer Liaison for the American Red Cross Cascades Region - to request that March 2023 be declared American Red Cross Month. A form of proclamation was attached for consideration.

Recommendation: The Mayor read and Council adopt the enclosed proclamation via signature to show the City's support of American Red Cross Month.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,


Chad

Fwd: American Red Cross March Proclamation

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Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>
To: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 4:32 PM

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From: **Jeneé Pearce-Mushen** <jeneepas@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 6:08 PM
Subject: American Red Cross March Proclamation
To: <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Dear Chad,

As you know March has been American Red Cross month for years, I need your help by adding the proclamation to your March agenda this year. I am attaching the information for this years proclamation. I want to thank you in advance for your help, please let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

Kind regards,
Jeneé Pearce-Mushen
County Volunteer Liaison
American Red Cross Cascades Region
503-436-9292

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"Resilient Together!"

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2023
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS: In times of crisis, people in Gearhart 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 Gearhart who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the U.S. who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS: In the **Cascades Region**, serving Oregon and SW Washington, the contributions of more than **2,500** local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. The Red Cross does so by providing more than **600** emergency overnight shelter stays, along with food and comfort for families devastated by more than **800** local disasters, like home fires. Through the generosity of those donating more than **182,000** units of essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease. Or by supporting service members and veterans an average of **nine times a day**, along with their families and caregivers through the unique challenges of military life. And by helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS: Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Mayor Kerry Smith, of Gearhart, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Gearhart, Clatsop Co., and Oregon State, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Gearhart to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I do hereby set my hand and cause the great seal of the City of Gearhart, State of Oregon to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor Smith

City Administrator