



**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:

City Administrator

  
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Mayor Smith