

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant
DATE: March 6, 2023
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming the month of March 2023 as Red Cross Month

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Red Cross Month is an international celebration that calls attention to the importance of ordinary individuals that lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need. The program provides emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters, and conducts blood drives for patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions. They support military members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers.

Red Cross also provides first aid and CPR training to help others survive medical emergencies. They also deliver international humanitarian aid, reconnect loved ones separated by crises around the world and have been operating since 1881.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the month of March 2023 as Red Cross Month.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

3/1/23
Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies throughout Washington, Oregon, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, South Puget Sound and Olympics Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care, and hope during disasters. Also, making our community safer with Preparedness Programs, CPR and First Aid Training; supporting military and Veterans and their families; and providing lifesaving blood to our medical community; and

WHEREAS, caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of Jefferson County, whose simple acts of kindness including through the Red Cross provide help and hope in people's most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross Month is an international celebration that calls attention to the importance of ordinary individuals that lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need. The program provides emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters, and conducts blood drives for patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions. They support military members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross has provided first aid and CPR training to help others survive medical emergencies and has delivered international humanitarian aid and reconnected loved ones separated by crises around the world since 1881; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross continues to carry out the organization's 142-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering. During the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give more than 148,500 units of blood in our Region when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, the lifesaving work of the Red Cross is vital to strengthening our community's resilience;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

RED CROSS MONTH

We invite you and others to join the Red Cross mission by volunteering, giving blood, learning lifesaving skills or making a financial donation.

APPROVED this 6th day of March, 2023.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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Greg Brotherton, Chair

ATTEST:

Heidi Eisenhour, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Clerk of the Board

Kate Dean, Member