

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the Civil War, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross; and*

*WHEREAS, for nearly 143 years, the employees, volunteers, and supporters of the American Red Cross have met loss and disaster with compassion and care, reminding us that we must leave no one behind; and*

*WHEREAS, during March of this year, we celebrate the ordinary community members who perform extraordinary acts of service, and we honor the Red Cross for its commitment to making our country and world a better place; and*

*WHEREAS, across America, the work of the Red Cross is seen when hurricanes make landfall, when floodwaters rise, when wildfires spread and tornadoes uproot communities; volunteers arrive from around the country to help survivors heal, recover, and rebuild; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Red Cross also responds to crises overseas in wake of natural disasters and in preparation for emergencies before they happen; and*

*WHEREAS, the old saying is still true today: The Red Cross is always there; and*

*WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month is a time to learn more about the steps involved in donating blood by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as*

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

*in the City of Olympia and encourages all community members to observe this month and join the Red Cross mission by volunteering, donating blood, learning lifesaving skills, and supporting the work of service of the American Red Cross.*

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Dontae Payne*  
**Mayor**