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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies throughout Southwest Washington, Oregon, across the United States and around the world. Our Red Cross, Cascades Region and SW Washington Chapter, 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 and CPR and First Aid Training; supporting military and veterans and their families; and providing lifesaving blood to our medical community; and

**WHEREAS**, Last year, in the Cascades Region, more than 3,000 volunteers helped the families affected by over 650 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support. Meanwhile, when large disasters like the fall wildfires devastated our region, volunteers from our area and across the country provided 173,489 overnight stays, 387,590 meals and snacks, 9,955 relief items, emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Red Cross continues to carry out the organization's 140-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 this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give more than 148,500 units of blood in the Cascades Region when our country faced a severe blood shortage. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

I, Mike Cassinelli, Mayor of the City of Ilwaco, hereby proclaim **March 2022** to be

### **RED CROSS MONTH**

in Ilwaco and encourage all its citizens to join in this observance.