

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Red Cross Proclamation

<p>Background:</p> <p>A proclamation to declare March 2023 Red Cross month is before the Board for consideration, recognizing the importance and assistance the organization provides to Umatilla County.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Adopt Order No. BCC2023-009</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: February 22, 2023

Action taken:

Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
March 2023 as Red Cross) Order No. BCC2023-009
Month)

WHEREAS in times of crisis, people in Umatilla County 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.

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 Umatilla County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross.

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 1,600 emergency overnight shelter stays, along with food and comfort for families devastated by more than 680 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 eight 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.

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is a vital partner in responding to emergencies in Umatilla County, including emergency shelter training, coordinating resources, and integrating into local mass care planning efforts.

NOW THEREFORE the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners orders and proclaims March 2023 as Red Cross Month and encourages all citizens of Umatilla County to reach out and support its humanitarian mission and to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2023.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Daniel N. Dorran, Chair

John M. Shafer, Commissioner

Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

ATTEST:
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

Records Officer