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AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we recognize the compassion of people in Cottage Grove and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, one of the most honored women in our country's history, who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, the kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the Southwest Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours, whether through delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize the month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Candace Solesbee, Mayor of Cottage Grove, Oregon, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as American Red Cross Month and encourage all citizens of Cottage Grove to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 26th day of February 2024.



Candace Solesbee, Mayor