

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

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; and

WHEREAS, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Lakewood, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy; and

WHEREAS, residents of Lakewood have joined millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours — whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters, donating essential blood, supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, this humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of Lakewood and work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience; and

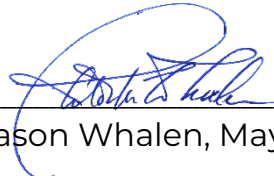
WHEREAS, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim March, 2024 as

RED CROSS MONTH

and urges all residents to support its mission and join in the commitment to giving back to the community.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of March, 2024.



Jason Whalen, Mayor