

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 2024 Red Cross month is before the Board for consideration, recognizing the importance and assistance the organization provides in Umatilla County.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Adopt Order No. BCC2024-030</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:

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Scheduled for meeting on: March 6, 2024

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming            )  
March 2024 as Red Cross                ) Order No. BCC2024-030  
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 that mission. 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 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. The Red Cross does so by responding to over 734 home fires and disasters in our region and provided services to 2,540 people, delivering more than 189,000 units of essential blood to area hospitals and cancer treatment centers, and training more than 57,000 people in first aid, CPR and AED, water safety, babysitting and other lifesaving skills.

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 2024 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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John M. Shafer, Chair

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

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Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer