

Proclamation
“National Blood Donor Month”
January 2023

Whereas, each year, the U.S. observes National Blood Donor Month in January by increasing awareness, education, and support for the donation of blood, especially during and after the holidays when blood donations are typically in short supply; and,

Whereas, the first successful blood transfusion took place in 1795 and since then, the techniques of blood transfusion have evolved and saved countless lives thanks to the hard work of scientists and medical professionals across the globe; and,

Whereas, this month is an opportunity to recognize the roughly 3% of the U.S. population who donate blood each year. A blood transfusion occurs every two seconds in America and a single donation can save multiple lives; and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of expanding the blood donor base by creating a culture of blood donation and engagement—particularly among young people and people of color. There is a need to determine new ways to engage younger generations of blood donors. In addition, the diversity of the blood donor population must be improved to meet current and future patient needs; and,

Whereas, more than 17.9 million blood transfusions occur in the U.S. every year, making it one of the most frequently performed procedures in U.S. hospitals. However, little attention is given to the requirement for a readily available supply of blood. The continued availability of a robust blood supply faces significant threats and challenges in the current environment; and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that any one of us or our residents may need a life-saving blood transfusion in our lifetime. Maintaining a safe, available blood supply for daily, routine use and for public health emergencies is a public health priority. Transfusions save lives; and,

Whereas, the Adams County Human Services Department hosts blood drives each year to give employees the opportunity to donate. Adams County and A-Proud encourage all residents to educate themselves about blood donation, participate in raising awareness, and consider donating blood to help others.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims January 2023 as

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and encourages all residents to be a hero and donate blood to save a life.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed January 17, 2023.