

Proclamation April 2023 as Volunteer Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, volunteering of an individual's time and resources is an essential part of the Sherwood community spirit; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, drawing endorsement from all US presidents since 1974 and from governors, mayors and other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, we have never needed the volunteer spirit more than we do today; and

WHEREAS, people who volunteer develop new skills, build their personal and professional networks, forge a deeper connection with their communities, and experience the joy of serving a larger cause; and

WHEREAS, we continue to rely on the efforts of dedicated volunteers to enrich our community, recognizing the volunteer sector as a third partner with government and business in building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

NOW THEREFORE, let us honor, celebrate and thank those volunteers in our community who share their time, energy, knowledge, and abilities by proclaiming April 2023 as Volunteer Appreciation Month in Sherwood, Oregon. In so doing, I, Tim Rosener, Mayor of the City of Sherwood, call upon all citizens to help to renew and sustain the Sherwood community spirit by committing themselves to address the needs of our community through voluntary action.

Dated: April 18, 2023



Tim Rosener, Mayor