

**PROCLAMATION**  
**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH**  
**APRIL 2024**

**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

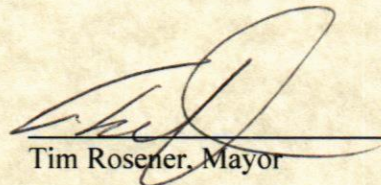
**WHEREAS**, people who volunteer develop new skills, build their personal and professional networks, forge a deeper connection with their communities, and experience the joy of serving a larger cause.

**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 2024 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.



  
Tim Rosener, Mayor

4-16-2024  
Date