

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver joins other counties across our great state and nation to honor community volunteers during National Volunteer Week. We celebrate and pay tribute to the amazing efforts that volunteers put forth, each day. Volunteers make a difference in our libraries, neighborhoods, schools, churches, faith-based organizations, community and civic groups, and government agencies. Volunteers are an invaluable resource and are at the heart and soul of our cities, counties, and nation; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers are catalysts that create positive changes in our communities by bringing their compassion, their time, their ideas, talents, technical skills, and professional expertise to strengthen and help our city flourish. As societies' needs change, volunteers are at the heart of community life... lending a hand to create a better quality of life for our residents. They provide support to recreation activities, public education, health and social services, housing and food service organizations, public safety and emergency preparedness agencies, literacy learning and to environmental and economic initiatives. Volunteers help communities provide basic human services, spiritual support, neighbor-to-neighbor assistance, and assist and empower those who have been marginalized; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers have played an integral part in this city's proud history; they are at the foundation of our community life. They contribute their time and talents to organizations that promote and support the arts, philanthropy, historical preservation, civic engagement, business and education, literacy, and efforts to protect and support our environment. These contributions improve the lives of all citizens and help maintain our local economy. Volunteers collectively demonstrate their power to make a difference and are an inspiration for all of us to follow; and
- WHEREAS, the City Vancouver recognizes that citizen volunteers are key to assisting the community to meet the needs of citizens and accomplishing our community goals; we acknowledge that volunteers help unite our great county through their selfless service; and
- WHEREAS, during this week of April, we call on all community members and organizations to help us thank, celebrate, and recognize the contributions of all volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the
April 12th through April 27th as:

“ National Volunteer Week ”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be
affixed this 22nd day of April 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR