

## Proclamation No. 23-2019 Recognizing National Blood Donor Month

**WHEREAS,** January is recognized as National Blood Donor Month. Currently, all blood types are needed. This includes the need for volunteer blood, plasma, and platelet donations; and

**WHEREAS,** type O-negative blood is the universal donor blood type and subsequently is the most sought after for donations. Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Vitalant, the nation's largest independent, nonprofit blood services is exclusively focused on providing lifesaving blood and comprehensive transfusions for about 900 hospitals and patients across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vitalant has approximately 115 donation centers nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** Councilwoman Sawyer's office has partnered with Vitalant to host a blood drive during the month of January; and

**WHEREAS**, donating blood can have a significant impact on the lives of hospital patients within your community and nationwide, it is highly encouraged to donate blood in the month of January.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes January as National Blood Donor Month.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Vitalant.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 2, 2024

Amenda P. Sandoral

PRESIDENT

