City of Carroll

Proclamation

National Blood Donor Month

WHEREAS, as a way to honor blood donors, who save millions of lives annually, and to encourage donations during winter months, January was designated as National Blood Donor Month via a Presidential Proclamation in December of 1969; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of that proclamation reads "No manifestation of this generosity of spirit is more expressive, and no gift more priceless in time of personal crises, than the donation of one's blood. The voluntary blood donor truly gives life itself"; and,

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month continues to be an important annual event for blood centers and patients not only in the City of Carroll but across the county as winter blood shortages are common due to holiday schedules and seasonal illness that often limit donations; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 39,000 units of blood are needed to support transfusions every day. Without generous donors and teams of dedicated donor recruitment professionals, such as Life Serve and The American Red Cross, hospitals and emergency treatment facilities would not be able to properly care for patients.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ERIC P. JENSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CARROLL, do hereby proclaim January as National Blood Donor Month in Carroll, Iowa and do urge the citizens of Carroll to support blood donations by donating at local blood drives not only in January but all year long.

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Eric P. Jensen, Mayor