

# Office of the Supervisor

## PROCLAMATION

### BLOOD DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, during the summer months, there is a need to focus on supplementing the blood inventory as it goes to a critical low due to a reduction in donor turnout because of vacations, busy travel schedules, and also because people are generally more active leading to more accidents and the need for more blood; and

Whereas, blood is in constant need in hospitals everywhere - blood never takes a summer vacation and more blood donors are needed to meet the demand for blood and blood products year-round; and

Whereas, the purpose of Blood Donor Awareness Month serves to remind us that we need to replenish our blood supply. It brings public awareness to the need for blood donations, to inspire those who have not yet donated blood to start donating, particularly young people in good health, and to promote and highlight the need to share life by donating blood; and

Whereas, every blood donation has the power to save lives - one pint of blood can save the lives of up to three patients, and

Whereas, when a person donates blood, it not only gives the gift of whole blood, but gives gifts of plasma, platelets and stem cells as well; and

Whereas, the New York Blood Center (NYBC) and other organizations work hard to maintain the blood supply for patients in need by stressing the importance of giving the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood; and

Now, Furthermore, voluntary blood donation builds social capital - the network of social ties and moral obligation that is vital to our country's economic well-being and to the health of its civil society; and

Let it be known that the Town of Riverhead is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our entire community and will, therefore, continue to support NYBC and their efforts to obtain an adequately stocked blood supply in our community. A low blood supply is a major public safety concern that can affect all residents and visitors in our town; and

Therefore, be it proclaimed that I, Sean M. Walter, Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, on behalf of the entire Town Board and community, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2017 as "Blood Donor Awareness Month" in the Town of Riverhead and urge all citizens in good health to donate regularly. I also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

Proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.



#### TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Dunleavy  
James Wooten  
Jodi Giglio  
Tim Hubbard



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Walter".

Sean M. Walter  
TOWN SUPERVISOR

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Riverhead to be affixed this Fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.