

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

National Blood Donor Month

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1969, President Richard Nixon proclaimed January 1970 as the first National Blood Donor Month in the United States, as requested by Senate Joint Resolution 154, to pay tribute to voluntary blood donors and encourage others to become donors; and

WHEREAS, this timeframe coincides with one of the most difficult times to maintain sufficient blood supplies as the winter months see reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages; and

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month has been celebrated each January for over fifty years to remind people of the critical need of donating blood for transfusions; and

WHEREAS, blood transfusions are given to patients every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and or platelets, with a total of approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed daily and nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6,600 units of plasma are needed daily, nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the United States; and

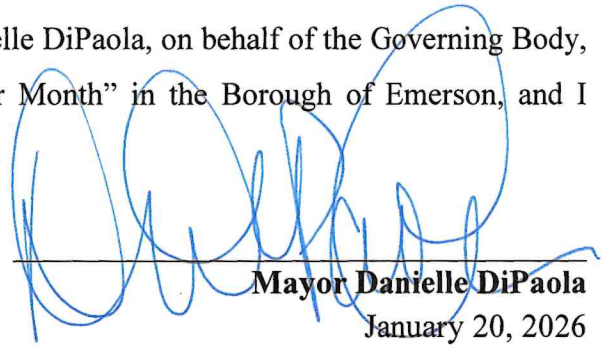
WHEREAS, blood and platelets cannot be manufactured and can only come from volunteer donors

blood transfusions are given to patients in all kinds of circumstances, including serious injuries, surgeries, child-birth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments and many other circumstances; and

WHEREAS, A blood donation takes about an hour from start to finish, but the actual donation itself only takes between 8 to 10 minutes. By spending an hour giving blood, donors can aid their community and help save lives!

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emerson is grateful to the Philip Morgan Foundation and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Emerson who partner with the American Red Cross to hold annual blood drives in our community to, who are committed to providing critical financial support to those in need by ensuring individuals and families can access essential resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Danielle DiPaola, on behalf of the Governing Body, hereby recognize the month of January 2026 as “Blood Donor Month” in the Borough of Emerson, and I encourage all Emersonians to donate blood to help others in need.



Mayor Danielle DiPaola

January 20, 2026