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Governor Supports Local Blood Drive

Tacoma, Washington – In support of the “State Employee Blood Drive Week”, Governor Gary Locke visited the Cascade Regional Blood Services’ [blood drive](#) today at the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).



“I want to encourage all state employees to participate as [blood donors](#) and [bone marrow donors](#) if possible”, said Gov. Locke while addressing state workers who had gathered at the bloodmobile in the DSHS parking lot. “I think this is an important thing to do and it greatly benefits the people in this area who rely on the local blood bank for their blood supply.”

In May, Gov. Locke signed Executive Order 02-01, allowing state employees to take paid leave for life-giving procedures.

Gov. Locke noted that Cascade Regional Blood Services (CRBS), a non-profit organization and this year’s “Employer of the Year” award in the “Small, Non-Profit Employee” category, was founded in 1946 as a joint effort between organized labor, area doctors and other concerned citizens.

Since that time, the non-profit blood bank has evolved into the primary resource in the community, providing blood, blood products and related services to all the hospitals and trauma centers in Pierce and South King Counties and neighboring communities.

“This is an outstanding organization that has served the community well over the years”, continued Gov. Locke. “We are very proud of our state employees who make the time to give the gift of life for those who need their help.”

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