

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** the American Red Cross was chartered in 1881 by Congress and authorized to act in times of need to provide compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local, or national disasters; and
- Whereas,** in the last year, the American Red Cross helped families with temporary housing, clothing, food, and mental health counseling during hundreds of local disasters; and
- Whereas,** the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898. Their work includes training people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety, and providing information and skills needed for our community members to be safe at home, work, school, and at play; and
- Whereas,** through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, individuals and families receive fire prevention training and supplies, including smoke alarms; and
- Whereas,** Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. Military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance, as well as a caring presence to local military families; and
- Whereas,** American Red Cross Blood Services support Bay Area hospitals by providing them with thousands of units of red cells, platelets, and plasma for patients in need, which has been critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

## American Red Cross Month

in the City of Alameda, and thank the staff and volunteers for their invaluable work and efforts, 365 days a year, in our community and around the country.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

