

Proclamation

Whereas, March is American Red Cross Month, when we recognize the compassion of people in Alameda and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross was founded in May 1881 by Clara Barton and this year marks the 143rd Anniversary of the Red Cross; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is a volunteer agency chartered and authorized by Congress to provide compassionate assistance afflicted by personal, local, or national disasters; and

Whereas, people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school, and at play, training people in the lifesaving skills of CPR, first aid, fire prevention, and water safety; and

Whereas, with over 1,600 volunteers in Alameda County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to 226 local disaster operations in 2023, received 29,497 blood donations in 1,161 Blood Drives from donors throughout Alameda County, provided 788 local individuals and families with fire prevention, training, and supplies, and responded to 368 members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross installed 807 smoke alarms and made 232 homes safer through the Home Fire Campaign; trained 12,177 individuals in first aid, CPR, and AED; and trained 3,116 people in aquatics and water safety; and

Whereas, for over 100 years, United States Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, and because is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim March 2024 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

