

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/78

recognizing March as American Red Cross Month in Contra Costa County.

Whereas, in Contra Costa County, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

Whereas, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Contra Costa County who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

Whereas, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and

Whereas, in 2016 in Contra Costa County, our volunteers responded to 93 house fires, assisted 182 affected households and taught 281 students fire safety through our Pillowcase Project. We taught First Aid, CPR & AED to 5,832 enrollees and Aquatic & Water Safety to 5,326. Through our Service to the Armed Forces, we held briefings for 235 families of service members; and responded to 97 Emergency Service Cases. And we provided 13,303 Blood Donations. Regionally, the Red Cross provided 27,219 Northern Californians with our lifesaving mobile apps, and accounted for 173,224 volunteer hours teaching safety, donating blood, and responding to wildfires, flooding and other emergencies from Monterey to the Oregon border; and

Whereas, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County do hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month in Contra Costa County and support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair, District V Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 14, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy