

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/80

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; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts. Through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas; and

Whereas, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover; and

Whereas, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community; and

Whereas, the 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. It collects about 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 2017 in Contra Costa County, the Red Cross handled 113 local disasters affecting 202 families, 124 emergency military calls, assisted 471 military families and collected 15,937 units of blood from our generous blood donors. The Red Cross taught first aid, CPR and AED to 5,141 enrollees. Aquatic and water safety classes were taught to 4,464 enrollees; 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 2018 as American Red Cross Month in Contra Costa County and support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V 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 13, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy