

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MARCH 2009 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/109

WHEREAS, American Red Cross of Contra Costa County was founded in 1898; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross is a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross of Contra Costa County has helped over 1,050 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 500 local disasters last year alone; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Volunteers responded to approximately 500 local emergencies this year, providing food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, People have counted on American Red Cross for the information and skills they need to assure safety at home, work, school and at play. Last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 10,000 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross program Prepare Bay Area and community preparedness programs have trained almost 358,000 citizens in various safety measures; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to over 1,500 local military families; and

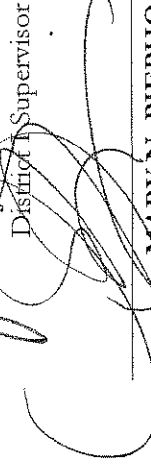
WHEREAS, American Red Cross Blood Services have supported 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2009 as American Red Cross Month in Contra Costa County and encourages all residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, character, and civic duty that is inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.

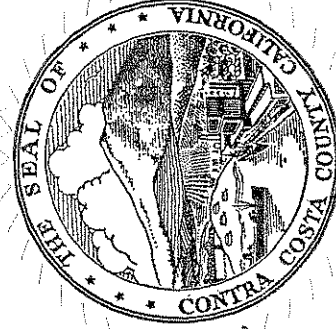

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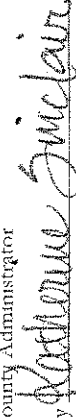

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor



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 31, 2009

DAVID J. TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Katherine Sinclair, Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Piepho