

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing March, 2020 as "American Red Cross Month" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2020/34

WHEREAS, every year, the American Red Cross, the largest humanitarian organization in the world, responds to an average of more than 60,000 disasters across the country from small home fires to massive disasters; and

WHEREAS, March is "American Red Cross Month", a time when we recognize the humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies in Contra Costa County, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS; The American Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in their time of greatest need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, last year in Contra Costa County, American Red Cross volunteers helped 168 people affected by 110 home fires providing emotional support, addressing immediate needs and helping families recover with emergency financial assistance or community resources; collected 15,491 units of lifesaving blood; taught skills that save lives to 10,747 community members; provided international humanitarian aid; and supported 835 military members and their families; and

WHEREAS, when large disasters like the Kincaid fire, the Ridgecrest earthquake, Hurricane Dorian and the Coastal hurricanes and Midwest tornadoes and floods devastated families in other parts of the country last year, volunteers from Contra Costa County were among the nearly 9,000 Red Crossers who left their homes to work alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items, emotional support; and





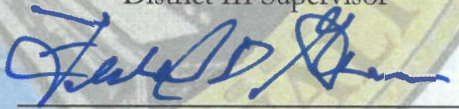
WHEREAS, the Red Cross continues to work with its partners to prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign, which installed its 2 millionth free smoke alarm last year and has saved almost 700 lives across the country since launching five years ago; and in Contra Costa County, the American Red Cross and local partners installed nearly 1,500 free smoke alarms and made 471 households safer from the threat of home fires; and

WHEREAS, during last years Red Flag Warnings, complicated by the Public Safety Power Shutoffs, American Red Cross worked tirelessly beside its Government and Community partners to coordinate preparedness efforts and develop response plans for the high fire danger by putting volunteers on standby to open evacuation centers, shelters and staff the Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, every day, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations. We dedicate the month of March to all those who support its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim March, 2020 as "American Red Cross Month" and does encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of March, 2020.

	
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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 10, 2020

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy