

MARCH 2006 AS RED CROSS MONTH

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, America has always been a place of humanitarian action and compassion -- a place where people take care of each other, and are always willing to reach out and take care of others in need, whether they are down the block or around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a true reflection of this compassion and an instrument of action through which Americans help in the time of greatest need; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the American Red Cross has helped the residents of Santa Barbara County for 114 years; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and twenty-one volunteers deployed from the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the American Red Cross responded to the tragic Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma; and

WHEREAS, trained Disaster Volunteers responded to fifty-five local emergencies including the Spring Floods of 2005 and local house and apartment fires; and

WHEREAS, over ten thousand residents have received Red Cross training in life saving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Water Safety, and Disaster Preparedness. One hundred and sixty-three residents are trained Red Cross volunteers who teach life saving skills and respond to emergencies near and far; and

WHEREAS, nine Red Cross Youth Clubs are active in our community's High Schools and at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims March 2006 as Red Cross Month and urges all residents to support our local American Red Cross Chapter by making financial donations, volunteering, and by making our families safer by becoming trained in emergency preparedness and response.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this seventh day of March by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor ~ 1st District

Supervisor ~ 3rd District

Supervisor 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District