

COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2025 AMERICAN REPORTS MONTH

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AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton established the American Red Cross, transforming her unwavering commitment to aiding those in need into a powerful humanitarian mission that has endured for over 140 years. Today, we recognize the dedication and generosity of Red Cross volunteers in Santa Barbara County, who continue to uphold Clara Barton's lifesaving legacy; and

WHEREAS, in moments of crisis, the residents of Santa Barbara County demonstrate their compassion and unity by supporting one another and our neighbors to the North and South, as exhibited by the Los Angeles Fires in January. This spirit of humanitarianism is a cornerstone of our community and is reflected in the tireless efforts of Red Cross volunteers who contribute their time and acquire vital lifesaving skills through Red Cross programs; and

WHEREAS, these voluntary and generous contributions shine a beacon of hope and critical support in people's darkest hours — whether it's offering shelter, food and comfort during disasters such as the recent neighboring Mountain Fire; providing critical blood donations for hospital and surgery patients; supporting service members, veterans and their families through unique challenges; saving lives with first aid, CPR, AED and other disaster preparedness skills; or delivering international aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crise; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate this March to honoring our Santa Barbara County community members who continue to advance the noble mission of the American Red Cross, inspired by Clara Barton's guiding principle: "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We encourage all members of our community to embrace this spirit of service and generosity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2025 as American Red Cross Month and encourages residents to engage in preparedness and relief efforts in the humanitarian spirit of the American Red Cross.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of March 2025. By a unanimous vote of all members present.

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