

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Santa Barbara County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Santa Barbara County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers who donate their time, give blood, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours — whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like home fires, donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March 2022 as American Red Cross Month, and urges residents of Santa Barbara County to become partners in preparedness with our Santa Barbara County Red Cross chapter, and act as active participants in advancing the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of March 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: City of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District