

CITY OF ALBANY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month has been declared since 1970 to help ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the “Gift of Life” through the donation of blood; and

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month is a month-long observance that shows us that donating blood is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can do; and

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month makes us aware that every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to save the lives of accident victims; and

WHEREAS, National Blood Donor Month addresses the need for constant replenishment of blood, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout because of the holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

WHEREAS, in Northern California, the American Red Cross provides 140,000 units of blood per year for the protection of patients, and there is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert S. Lieber, Mayor of the City of Albany hereby proclaim the month of January as **NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH** in the City of Albany and urge all citizens to donate blood for others in need. I also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

ROBERT S. LIEBER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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