

1 CITY OF ALBANY

2 PROCLAMATION

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4 **WHEREAS**, Donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of
Americans can give; and

5 **WHEREAS**, There is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to
6 stress the importance of giving the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood;
and

7 **WHEREAS**, There is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer
8 donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously;
and

9 **WHEREAS**, One blood donation may help save three lives; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency
treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ
transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The need for blood is constant, especially during the winter
12 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
13 illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services
Region distributes more than 130,000 pints of blood per year to help save local
15 patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region
annually; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer
than 8 percent of these individuals present to donate blood; and

17 **WHEREAS**, There is a need for civic and service organizations and
18 businesses to sponsor blood drives.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that, I, Farid Javandel,
Mayor of the City of Albany, hereby proclaim the month of January as "National
20 Blood Donor Month" for the City of Albany and urge all citizens to pay tribute to
those among us who donate for others in need. I urge citizens in good health to
21 donate regularly. I also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, if
they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for
22 others.

23 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here set my hand and caused the seal
of the City of Albany to be affixed this 18th day of January, 2011.

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Farid Javandel, Mayor

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Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk
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