

**CITY OF ALBANY  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in the City of Albany as well as across the country and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter works tirelessly through its nearly 1,000 volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter helped over 1,405 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 392 local disasters last year alone; trained over 117,345 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety and over 173,555 individuals received preparedness training; provided emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to over 1,810 local military families; and supported 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with nearly 150,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need; and

**WHEREAS**, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. The Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albany City Council hereby proclaims March 2012 as **American Red Cross Month** in the City of Albany and encourages all residents to support the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.

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Farid Javandel  
Mayor

Attest:

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Nicole Almaguer  
City Clerk