

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross helped 1,777 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 681 local disasters last year alone; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play, and last year the American Red Cross Bay Area trained 83,203 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and

WHEREAS, through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, 9,474 individuals and families received fire prevention training, supplies and/or smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. Military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 6,930 local military families; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Blood Services supports many Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 34,813 units of red cells, platelets and plasma annually to patients in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Albany City Council hereby does hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month.


Reggy McQuaid, Mayor