

*City of Albany*  
*Proclamation*

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH - MARCH 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cross was founded in May 1881 by Clara Barton, and this year marks the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a volunteer agency chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provide compassionate assistance afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; 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, training people in lifesaving skills in CPR, first aid, fire prevention and water safety; and

**WHEREAS**, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, with nearly 1500 volunteers in the Alameda County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to over 700 families with Disaster Cycle Services; received nearly 31,000 blood donations from Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Cross staff deploy with the US Military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to local military families; and

**WHEREAS**, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim March 2021 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Albany and encourage our community to support this organization and its humanitarian mission.

Date: March 15, 2021

  
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GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR