

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH March 2024

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, when we recognize the compassion and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was founded in May 1881 by Clara Barton and this year marks the 143rd Anniversary of the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a volunteer agency chartered and authorized by Congress to act by providing compassionate assistance to people 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, with over 1,600 volunteers in Alameda County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to 226 disaster operations in 2023, received 29,497 blood donations in 1,161 Blood Drives from donors throughout Alameda County, and responded to 368 members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross installed 807 smoke alarms and 232 homes made safer through the Home Fire Campaign, trained 12,177 individuals in first aid, CPR and AED, and trained 3,116 people in aquatics and water safety; and

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, United States Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, and because is not a government agency, the American Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Albany City Council does hereby recognize March 2024 as American Red Cross Month and encourage all of our community members to reach out and support the mission of the American Red Cross.

Date: March 18, 2024

JOHN MIKI, MAYOR