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CITY OF ALBANY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes 130,000 pints of blood per year for the protection of local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation may help save three lives; and

WHEREAS, some 40 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 5 percent donate blood; and

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marge Atkinson, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim the month of January as "National 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 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 others.

MARGE ATKINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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