

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS RED CROSS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross month, when we recognize the compassion of people in the City of Hercules and renew our commitment to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, American Red Cross volunteers have stepped up to deliver relief and care across our country and around the world, bringing out the best of humanity in times of crisis as Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, did over 140 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters shine a beacon of hope in people's darkest hours - delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting service members, veterans and their families; saving lives with first aid, CPR, AED and other skills; or delivering international aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

**WHEREAS**, with 1148 volunteers in Contra Costa County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to 101 disasters, assisting 190 families; and through our Sound the Alarm program, the American Red Cross installed 778 smoke alarms, making 241 homes safer, and trained 425 students through the Youth Preparedness Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County residents donated 18,299 units of lifesaving blood; hosted 530 blood drives; and trained 12,164 citizens in first aid, CPR, AED, and aquatics; and provided 463 case services to military members and their families; and provided humanitarian aid internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, this work to uplift our community is made possible by those who selflessly answer the call to help, whenever and wherever it is needed. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of their remarkable service, and we ask everyone to join in their commitment to care for one another.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the City of Hercules, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Hercules to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 24th day of March 2026.

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Chris Kelley, Mayor