

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS AMERICAN RED
CROSS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has a long history of helping neighbors in need and American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes- those local Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. It collects about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Red Cross saw a record-breaking year of challenging domestic and international response efforts. In a 45 day period, through the support of its volunteers, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas. In addition, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover; and

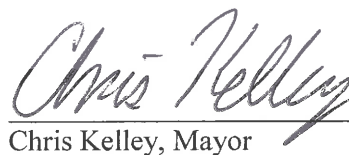
WHEREAS, in 2017 in Contra Costa County, volunteers responded to 113 local disasters, educated 175 students with fire safety information through the Pillowcase Project, and collected 15,937 units of blood from generous blood donors. The Red Cross taught First Aid, CPR, AED, and Water Safety to 9,605 residents. Through its Service to the Armed Forces, the Red Cross responded to 124 Emergency Service Cases and assisted 471 families of service members; 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. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize March 2018 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Hercules.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 13th day of March, 2018.




Chris Kelley, Mayor