

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2017 AS

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## American Red Cross Month

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**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the lifeblood of the American Red Cross is its volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped 981 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 373 local disasters last year alone; 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, and last year The American Red Cross Bay Area trained 49,749 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, 3,367 local individuals and families received fire prevention training, supplies and/or smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cross staff deployed with the U.S. Military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 1,310 local military families; and

**WHEREAS**, American Red Cross Blood Services supports Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 21,650 units of red cells, platelets and plasma annually to patients in need; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County does hereby proclaim March 2017 as **American Red Cross Month** in San Mateo County for their invaluable work and efforts not only in our community but around the country.

**Dated: March 28, 2017**

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors