

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING MARCH 2014 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our everyday heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need across the country and around the world, who have responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time, give blood, take lifesaving courses, and provide financial donations to help those in need. They work tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs lifesaving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. They provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the **3,000 local volunteers** of the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter **helped more than 730 families** with temporary housing, clothing, food, and emotional support during 433 local disasters. Our local Chapter **trained more than 177,000 people** in lifesaving CPR, first aid, water safety, and preparedness education, provided emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance, and a caring presence to more than **8,000 local military families**, and supported 28 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with nearly **75,000 units of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma** to patients in need; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money, and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the March 2014 as Red Cross Month, in dedication to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

Dated: March 11, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors