PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF

MARCH 2018 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, March is designated American Red Cross Month to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community and who deliver help and hope during a disaster; 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, The American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts: in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017, including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas, and additionally responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017 and provided casework assistance to 76,000 families to help them recover; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is dedicated 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 RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of March 2018 as American Red Cross Month and applauds our heroes here in San Mateo County who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

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