

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2021

American Red Cross Month

***WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in San Mateo County, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and*

***WHEREAS,** during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and*

***WHEREAS,** last year, the Red Cross collected 1,075 blood donations in San Mateo County, and provided First Aid, CPR, and AED training to 3,097 individuals; and*

***WHEREAS,** families have relied on Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support. Last year, Red Cross volunteers helped residents affected by 30 home fires in San Mateo County; and*

***WHEREAS,** Red Cross supports local families in other ways too. Last year, Red Cross volunteers installed 285 smoke alarms to make 136 San Mateo County households safer; and*

***WHEREAS,** this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors recognize the importance and hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.*

***Dated:** March 23, 2021*

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