

City of San Pablo

Proclamation Recognizing

March 2018

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American Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts. Through the support of its volunteers, 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. In addition, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover;

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The Red Cross in Contra Costa assisted with 113 local disasters affecting 202 families in the past year alone. In our area, the Red Cross handled 124 emergency military calls, assisted 471 military families and collected 15,937 units of blood from our generous blood donors. The Red Cross taught first aid, CPR and AED to 5,141 enrollees. Aquatic and water safety classes were taught to 4,464 enrollees;

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, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in San Pablo and across Contra Costa County who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, and on behalf of the City Council hereby dedicate the month of March 2018 to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies and do hereby recognize **March 2018 as American Red Cross Month** and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this March 19, 2018.

Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor