

Proclamation

American Red Cross Month March 2021

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 Redwood City, 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 sufferings; 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, the Bay Area Chapter of Red Cross serves nearly 4.5 million people across the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Red Cross collected 1,075 blood donations in San Mateo County, and provided First Aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (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 by 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 I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in Redwood City and encourage all residents to observe this month and support the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.

Date: March 22, 2021



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