

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH March 2025

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross month, when we recognize the compassion of people in the City of Albany and renew our commitment to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross volunteers have stepped up to deliver relief and care across our country and around the world, bringing out the best of humanity in times of crisis as Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, did over 140 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters shine a beacon of hope in people's darkest hours —delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting service members, veterans and their families; saving lives with first aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), AED (automated external defibrillator) and other skills; or delivering international aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, with 1,638 volunteers in Alameda County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to 163 disasters, assisting 305 families; and through the Sound the Alarm program, the American Red Cross installed 988 smoke alarms, making 291 homes safer, and trained 2,544 youth and adults through Pedro and Preparedness Programs; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County residents donated 30,572 units of lifesaving blood; hosted 1,154 blood drives; trained 13,893 citizens in first aid, CPR, AED, and aquatics; and provided 455 case services to military members and their families; and provided humanitarian aid internationally; and

WHEREAS, this work to uplift our community is made possible by those who selflessly answer the call to help, whenever and wherever it is needed. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of their remarkable service, and we ask everyone to join in their commitment to care for one another.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim March 2025 as American Red Cross Month and encourage all residents of the City of Albany to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR