



PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado
In Recognition of National 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 our community, 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.

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.

WHEREAS, Here in the California Gold Country Region, families have relied on local Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with the recent Northern California wildfires. Over 165,000 meals and snacks were served to those in need and 38,903 hotel units were provided for safe shelter. In addition to serving friends and neighbors here at home, many local Red Cross volunteers also deployed virtually to assist with disasters around the country.

WHEREAS, Local volunteers have also supported families in other ways. Since January 2020, volunteers have responded to 500 home fires, helping 1,983 people address urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support. Last year, the Red Cross hosted more than 300 regional blood drives, and collected 5,785 units of lifesaving blood. Red Cross volunteers provided emergency services for 2,118 people through our Service to the Armed Forces Program and enrolled 16,329 people in first aid/CPR/AED training.

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 PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize March as Red Cross Month and encourages community members to reach out and support this humanitarian mission.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 16th day of March 2021.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

John Hidahl, Chair, Board of Supervisors