

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2015  
AS  
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross, founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, is a leading voluntary agency chartered and authorized by Congress to provide compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing and distribution of life saving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross has recently responded to disasters such as Hurricane Sandy, the West Africa Ebola epidemic, and Typhoon Rammason in the Philippines; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter also helped families with temporary housing, clothing, food, and emotional support during local disasters and has trained thousands of people in lifesaving CPR, first aid, water safety, and preparedness education; and

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and thank the everyday heroes of the Red Cross – those who reach out to help those in need by volunteering their time, giving, blood, taking lifesaving courses, or providing financial donations to help those in need,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ruth Atkin, Mayor of Emeryville hereby proclaims March 2015 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Emeryville and encourages all residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, and civic duty that are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**