

# City of Emeryville PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING MARCH 2017 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped almost 1,777 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 681 local disasters last year alone; and

**WHEREAS**, people have counted on the American Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play, and last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained 83,203 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, over 9,474 individuals and families received fire prevention training, supplies and/or smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to over 6,930 local military families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Blood Services supports many Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 34,813 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Scott Donahue, Mayor of Emeryville, on behalf of the Emeryville City Council, hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Emeryville and I encourage all residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, character, civic duty that is inherent in the American Red Cross' mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.

**PROCLAIMED** this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Emeryville City Council meeting.

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MAYOR