



City of Emeryville

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Proclamation

Proclaiming the Month of March 2018 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Emeryville

WHEREAS, in 2017, the American Red Cross experienced a record-breaking year of challenging domestic and international response efforts; and

WHEREAS, through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Emeryville, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need and the American Red Cross here in Alameda County assisted with 219 local fire disasters in the past year, assisted 669 families, installed 430 smoke alarms and reached 1,350 students with the Pillowcase Project; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross's Health and Safety Services trained 15,903 people in first aid, CPR, AED and water safety; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross assisted over 1,000 families with their Services to Armed Forces and collected 29,587 blood donations from generous blood donors; and

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community, these local heroes upon whom the Red Cross depends to deliver help and hope during a disaster; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that I, John Bauters, Mayor of Emeryville, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Emeryville, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as "American Red Cross Month" in the City of Emeryville and honor those who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

PROCLAIMED this **20th Day of March 2018** at a regular meeting of the City Council of Emeryville by the Mayor of the City of Emeryville.

John J. Bauters, Mayor