



*Proclaiming March 2023
American Red Cross Month In Ventura County*

Whereas, in times of crisis, people in Ventura County come together to help our neighbors in need through humanitarian efforts, mobilizing the power of volunteers, and the generosity of donors. Thus, our annual celebrations of American Red Cross Month are a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – the Red Cross Staff, Volunteers, and Donors who give their time and resources to provide relief, hope, and comfort to residents. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

Whereas, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication to helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Ventura County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

Whereas, in Ventura County, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours – whether it's providing emergency shelter, food, and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like home fires, donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

Whereas, Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money, and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission, today and into the future-building stronger more resilient communities. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join this commitment to give back to our community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 2023 as American Red Cross Month. We encourage our residents of the County of Ventura to support the American Red Cross in advancing its noble humanitarian mission.

Presented On This 14th Day of March 2023



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