



Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County

PROCLAIMS



American Red Cross Month
March 2019

WHEREAS, more than 137 years ago, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles, including humanity, impartiality and independence, to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status. Today, the American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, and delivers its mission every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, every year the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from small home fires to devastating massive disasters. Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provide around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, serve millions of meals and snacks with partners, and distribute millions of relief items; and

WHEREAS, in Ventura County, the Red Cross has a long history of helping neighbors in need, including the recent opening of eleven shelters, four for the Woolsey and Hill Fires and seven for related flood and mud incidents. The Red Cross also responded to thirty-one Disaster Action Team calls related to home fires, installed 521 smoke detectors, and provided education on the Pillowcase Project, a program designed to teach safety, emotional coping skills, and personal preparedness, to over 200 students in elementary schools throughout Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, March is Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster, and we applaud our heroes here in Ventura County who gave of themselves to assist their neighbors, working a total of 12,431 hours across several Red Cross services; and

WHEREAS, this month is also dedicated to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our communities depend on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby declares March 2019 as American Red Cross Month in Ventura County and encourages all residents to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.


PRESENTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2019


Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1st District


Linda Parks
Supervisor 2nd District


Kelly Long
Supervisor 3rd District


Robert O. Huber
Supervisor 4th District


John C. Zaragoza
Supervisor 5th District