

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, in Marin County, we have a long history helping neighbors in need. The month of March is a time to recognize and thank our heroes, Red Cross volunteers and donors, who give their time and resources to deliver help and hope to community members in the midst of disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers serve the community in a number of ways including helping families locate shelter after a home fire. They donate blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients and deliver comfort items to hospitalized military veterans. Trained in first aid, they apply lifesaving skills to assist with heart attacks, drowning and choking; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds immediately with resources and trained volunteers to address disasters large and small. Every eight minutes, the Red Cross mobilizes to ameliorate a crisis, providing those affected with shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities. Through its Restoring Family Links program, it connects family members separated in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in Marin County, the American Red Cross is prepared to open an evacuation center in any of 140 locations around the County seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. In addition, over 100 volunteers and staff are ready to work with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to open Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) at any time of day or night; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides other services as well, including collecting nearly 40 percent of our nation's blood supply to use in critical incidents; providing 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; installing 236 smoke alarms in 96 homes as part of its home safety program in Marin and assisting 10 families impacted by home fires in the county; teaching first aid, CPR, and water safety courses to over 3,400 residents; and this past January, responding to more than six homes flooded due to landslides during recent storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of March 2017 as "American Red Cross Month" and encourages Marin residents to prepare for emergencies and to join and support - with time, talent and treasure - the American Red Cross' humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering during and after emergencies and disasters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 7th day of March 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 - PRESIDENT

KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3

