

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-082

Adopt a resolution proclaiming March 2025 as American Red Cross Month. )

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Monterey County and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, This March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by recognizing the compassionate acts of people in Monterey County and by renewing our commitment to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, Since Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross more than 140 years ago, generation after generation has stepped up to deliver relief and care across our country and around the world, bringing out the best of humanity in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Advancing this noble mission, the volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters who now give back through the Central Coast Chapter remain unwavering in their commitment to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of today's emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of 133 local Red Cross volunteers in Monterey County give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. Last year in Monterey County, volunteers helped 64 families affected by 30 home fires and addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, as well as providing recovery support; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers installed 655 smoke alarms, collected 1,939 blood donations, provided first aid and CPR training to 1,830 residents, and assisted 153 families of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, The work to uplift our community is truly made possible by those who selflessly answer the call to help, whenever and wherever it's needed. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of their remarkable service, and we ask everyone to join in their commitment to care for one another.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby proclaim March 2025 as **American Red Cross Month**. We encourage all County of Monterey residents to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of March 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels