

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 13-002

Resolution honoring **American Red Cross of Northern California Blood Services** in recognition of **National Blood Donor Month**.....)

WHEREAS, Donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of Americans can give; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the “Gift of Life” through the donation of blood; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and

WHEREAS, One blood donation may help save three lives; and

WHEREAS, Every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and

WHEREAS, The need for blood is constant, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout because of the holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes more than 130,000 pints of blood per year to help save local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and

WHEREAS, Some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 8 percent of these individuals present to donate blood; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the citizens thereof, hereby proclaim the month of January as “National Blood Donor Month” for Monterey County and urges all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need. The Board further urges citizens in good health to donate regularly, and for civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of January 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Parker seconded by Supervisor Salinas by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisor Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 76, for the meeting on January 15, 2013.

Dated: January 15, 2013

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Monterey, State of California.

By , Deputy