

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 22-29**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in our community, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 141-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. During these trying times of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to the ongoing recording-breaking disasters across the country, rolling up their sleeves to give blood, or donating financially; and

**WHEREAS**, here in Yolo County, families have relied on local Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with the more frequently occurring Northern California wildfires happening here and in our own backyard. Thousands of meals and snacks were served to those in need and thousands of hotel units were provided for safe shelter. Smoke alarms amounting to 907 have been installed in Dunnigan, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland since the inception of the Sound the Alarm Program; and

**WHEREAS**, we would like to honor our local disaster volunteers here in Yolo County who have responded to every major wildfire and forest fire in California Gold Country including Camp, Dixie, Caldor, and Carr Fires. as well as six mega-fires or complexes which struck Northern California. There were there for those who flooded in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Colorado and from Hurricanes Michael, Harvey, Mitchell and Florence. They helped individuals and communities recover from tornadoes in Tennessee and Kentucky, a volcanic eruption in Hawaii, and displacement along our borders; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires in Yolo County have increased and since July 1, 2021 and the local Red Cross has assisted 55 persons from 21 households; and

**WHEREAS**, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Over Two Hundred years since the birth of the American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those to continue to advance her noble legacy and in her own words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude for the vision, leadership and organization shown by the American Red Cross and does hereby proclaim March 2022 as American Red Cross Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of March, 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

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Angel Barajas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors