

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-33

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2023 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Yolo County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Yolo County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers bring hope to the vulnerable in hours of crisis and loss, providing comfort along with material assistance, counseling, and recovery resources. Red Cross volunteers have responded in the past eight months to 31 such cases in Yolo County assisting 83 individuals in Woodland, West Sacramento, Davis, and Winters whose homes were destroyed or heavily damaged by fire; and

WHEREAS, our Yolo health services volunteers are involved in all aspects of blood drives for patients with leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease awaiting or recovering from surgery; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross is working with Yolo's Fire Safe Council and Resource Conservation District on disaster preparedness projects which will include free hands only CPR training as an inaugural effort for the Capay Valley in Guinda on March 15th; and.

WHEREAS, the Red Cross teamed up last fall with Habitat for Humanity to install free smoke alarms and provide home fire education in Bryte, Broderick, and West Sacramento, this program having over the past five years installed hundreds of smoke detectors in Woodland, Dunnigan, West Sacramento, and Winters; and

WHEREAS, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to continue in this commitment to give back in our community.

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 2023 as American Red Cross month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors