

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 24-29**

***PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 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 moments of crisis in Yolo County assisting individuals in Woodland, West Sacramento, Davis, and Winters whose homes were destroyed or heavily damaged by fire and flood; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with Yolo County fire departments work to install free smoke alarms and provide residents with important fire safety education that save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cross facilitates blood drives for patients undergoing emergency surgeries, and treatment for leukemia, cancer, sickle cell disease and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Cross volunteers 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 2024 as American Red Cross Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the following vote:

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

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Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors