

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-22

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2025 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. This year, Red Cross' Disaster Action Team volunteers have responded to home fires in Yolo County assisting individuals in Woodland, West Sacramento, Davis, Esparto, and Winters; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Yolo County Red Cross Team has expanded from 20 to 60 dedicated volunteers, prepared and ready to assist our communities. They were deployed to support the Red Cross response to three significant fires within our local Northern California region, as well as several disasters outside our region, including Hurricanes Milton and Helene, the wildfires in Los Angeles, and recent flooding in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross in Yolo County stands out for its diversity; they offer opportunities for Spanish and Russian speaking monolingual volunteers to share their cultures with one another, while also providing humanitarian services to their distinct communities

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 2025 as American Red Cross Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors