

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-26

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, in March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make its humanitarian mission possible in Yolo County. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross; 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, Yolo County is part of the American Red Cross California Gold Country Region. Specifically, Yolo County falls under the jurisdiction of the region's Sierra-Delta Chapter, which serves several counties including Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado; and

WHEREAS, today, those who serve with the California Gold Country Region light the way during emergencies — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving blood supply for patients facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives. In 2025, the Red Cross Gold Country Region team responded to 630 home fires, hosted 270 blood drives, provided services to 490 military families, and trained more than 35,780 people in first aid, CPR and AED, water safety, babysitting and other lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark American Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up, so no one faces an emergency alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2026 as American Red Cross Month. We encourage all citizens of Yolo County to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026 by the following vote:

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors