

City of Capitola

Mayor's Proclamation

Proclaiming March 2022 Red Cross Month

***WHEREAS**, in 1881 Clara Barton found the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering; and*

***WHEREAS**, Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Capitola, 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**, The contributions of 189 local Santa Cruz County Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours; and*

***WHEREAS**, Last year in Santa Cruz County, volunteers helped 33 households affected by 24 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, as well as providing recovery support. In addition, they collected over 3900 blood donations, provided first aid and CPR training to over 2400 residents, helped the families of over 500 students prepare for disasters through our Pillowcase Project, and assisted over 40 families of our armed forces; and*

***WHEREAS**, This 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 join in this commitment to give back in our community.; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Storey**, Mayor of the City of Capitola, do hereby proclaim March 2022, to be "Red Cross Month" in the City of Capitola and urge the citizens of City of Capitola to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.*

Sam Storey, Mayor
Signed and sealed this 10th day of March, 2022