

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

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AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in the City of Folsom

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in our community, across the United States, and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our nation faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, here in the California Gold Country Region, families have relied on local Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with the recent Northern California wildfires. The Red Cross served over 165,000 meals and snacks to those in need and provided 38,903 hotel units for safe shelter. In addition to helping friends and neighbors here at home, many local Red Cross volunteers also deployed virtually to assist with disasters around the country; and

WHEREAS, local volunteers have also supported families in other ways. Since January 2020, volunteers have responded to 500 home fires, helping 1,983 people address urgent needs for food, lodging, and recovery support. Last year, the Red Cross hosted more than 300 regional blood drives and collected 5,785 units of lifesaving blood. Red Cross volunteers provided emergency services for 2,118 people through our service to the Armed Forces Program and enrolled 16,329 people in first aid/CPR/AED training; and

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in the commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL D. KOZLOWSKI, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month and encourage community members to reach out and support their humanitarian mission.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of March 2021.



Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

Attest:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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