## PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM **PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023** as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in the City of Folsom WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Folsom come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by 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 human suffering. Today, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers and donors here in Folsom who support this lifesaving legacy. WHEREAS, in the January 2023 California storms and floods, the Red Cross and its disaster response partners provided more than 59,700 meals and snacks, 9,200 overnight shelter stays, and relief supplies to more than 5,900 households. In addition, during the past Northern California wildfire season, from July 4 through November 18, 2022, Red Cross volunteers opened 27 evacuation shelters, which included 3,411 overnight stays and the distribution of 9,181 relief items and comfort kits, giving hope to the most vulnerable in their time of need. WHEREAS, in addition to its seasonal disaster response, the Red Cross provides assistance after individual home fires, collects and distributes essential blood donations to save lives, supports military service members, veterans, and their families, and provides training in first aid, CPR and other skills. Because this work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience, we dedicate this month of March to the American Red Cross, its volunteers and donors, and ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community; and NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Red Cross Month and encourage community members to reach out and support this humanitarian mission. PROCLAIMED this 14th day of March 2023. Attest: Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK Rosario Rodriguez

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