

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S. PH 12: 53

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Ignacio De La Fuente



**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2004 AS
"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"
IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

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- WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and
- WHEREAS**, Compassion, courage, character and civic duty – are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering and the City of Oakland shares these grand ideals; and
- WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a leading volunteer agency, chartered and authorized by the United States Congress to act in times of need and to provide compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and
- WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped over 700 families during local disasters last year alone; and
- WHEREAS**, nationwide, Red Cross volunteers responded to more than 600 disasters last year by providing victims with food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; and
- WHEREAS**, last year the American Red Cross Bay Area trained nearly 75,000 people in lifesaving CPR, first aid, water safety and community preparedness, giving people the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play; and
- WHEREAS**, Red Cross staff deployed with the United States Military provide emergency communications and a caring presence for military personnel separated from their families; and
- WHEREAS**, Red Cross Blood Services support 34 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 160,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma for patients in need; and
- WHEREAS**, in March of 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the American people with this request: "that during this month our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross;" now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and proclaim March 2004 as "**American Red Cross Month**" in the City of Oakland and encourages all citizens to support their local Red Cross organizations and volunteers and honor them for their worthy deeds

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL. REID, QUAN, WAN & PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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