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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND COUNCIL MEMBER
DAN KALB

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2018 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts, and through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover and has a long history of helping our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, here in Alameda County, assisted with 219 local fire disasters in the past year and, assisted 669 families, installed 430 smoke alarms, and reached 1,350 students in their "Pillowcase Project", while their Health and Safety Services trained 15,903 in First Aid, CPR, AED and Water Safety; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross assisted over 1,000 families in their Services to Armed Forces Program, and collected 29,587 blood donations from their generous blood donors, collects about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross dedicates the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, where communities depend on the American Red Cross, and relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland, does hereby proclaim, the month of March, 2018 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Oakland, for their invaluable work and efforts not only in our community, but around the country; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council along with the Office of the Mayor, on behalf of the residents of Oakland, recognizes and honors The American Red Cross, for their contributions and dedication, and to all that they serve.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES –BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB,
KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California