

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel and Jean Quan

A Resolution Declaring March 2005 "Red Cross Month" in the City of Oakland

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area has served our community by providing lifesaving information, training, and disaster relief to individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, the Tsunami in Southeast Asia in late December helped remind us of the importance of disaster preparedness and rapid response to disaster, and the Red Cross is a leading voluntary agency meeting the needs of individuals and families affected by personal emergencies and disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Cross has trained thousands in our community in essential skills such as first aid and CPR, and provided education and disaster preparedness information, saving untold numbers of lives; and,

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Blood Services, Northern California Region, provides more than 120,000 pints of blood to local patients each year; and,

WHEREAS, March has been designated as "Red Cross Month" by U.S. Presidential Proclamation to celebrate the achievement of the Red Cross in the services it provides to communities nationwide; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council recognizes the Red Cross as the lead voluntary agency to help families prepare for a disaster and meet the immediate needs of individuals affected by disaster, and a leading voluntary agency training families in first aid, CPR, and preparedness education; and providing blood and other needed services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council acknowledges and supports the ongoing contribution of the Red Cross in helping our families prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and disasters during Red Cross Month and throughout the year.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20 ____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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ORA/COUNCIL
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