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Date: March 5, 2020
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Kaplan
Re: **RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2020 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Council President Kaplan requests that the City Council adopt a Ceremonial Resolution recognizing March 2020 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Oakland, for their invaluable work and service in our community and around the world.

The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter has been a valuable partner in the City of Oakland, providing fire prevention education, and financial and referral assistance to families and individuals.

Recently, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign installed numerous smoke alarms in the Bay Area, to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries by increasing the number of working smoke alarms in at-risk communities. The American Red Cross responded to 198 local incidents displacing residents due to fires and other natural disasters in the Bay Area, over the year.

The Red Cross continues to teach and empowers nearly 5.9 million people annually with lifesaving health and safety preparedness skills training course such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED), water safety, babysitter's training, along with an emergency and first aid mobile app available to the public.

For questions regarding this report, please email Desmond Jeffries, Policy Director for the Council President, at djeffries@oaklandca.gov or call at 510.238.7082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Kaplan', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Council President

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN AND KALB

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2020 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1881, the American Red Cross was found in Washington, D.C. by Clara Barton, modeled after the Geneva, Switzerland-based Red Cross, which called for international agreements to protect the sick and wounded during wartime and for the formation of the national societies to give aid; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and generosity of donors and public education; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides social and healthcare services carried out by 2,400 volunteers daily, responding to more than 520 disasters providing for food, shelter and comfort to individuals and families in the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter has been a valuable partner in the City of Oakland, providing fire prevention education to households and financial and referral assistance to families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross Home Fire Campaign installed numerous smoke alarms in the Bay Area, to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries by increasing the number of working smoke alarms in at-risk communities; and

WHEREAS, this prior calendar year, the American Red Cross responded to 198 local incidents displacing residents due to fires and other natural disasters in the Bay Area, and assisted 605 adults and 108 children; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross continues to teach and empowers nearly 5.9 million people annually with lifesaving health and safety preparedness skills training course such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED), water safety, babysitter's training, along with an emergency and first aid mobile app available to the public; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross dedicates the month of March to all those who support the mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland, does hereby proclaim, the month of March 2020, as American Red Cross Month in the City of Oakland, for their valuable work and service in our community and around the world.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA _____, 2020

ATTEST:

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