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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN

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RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 2010 AS  
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, THE American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped 1,930 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental healthy counseling during 3874 local disasters last year alone; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play ; and

WHEREAS, last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained more than 157,103 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid and water safety; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross staff deploys with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 2,327 local military families; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 130,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation may help save three lives; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on the voluntary support of local residents to maintain the high level of quality disaster assistance, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Oakland City Council hereby proclaims March 2010 as American Red Cross Month, in recognition of their 112 years of providing emergency preparedness training, lifesaving care, and much needed hope to residents of Oakland and the Bay Area in their hour of need.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT  
BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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

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