

2017 MAR 16 PM 12:06 **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LARRY E. REID AND COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2017 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898, and is 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 helped 1,777 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 681 local disasters last year alone and, many 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, last year The American Red Cross Bay area trained 83,203 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross, Through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, allowed 9,474 individuals and families to receive fire prevention training, supplies and/or smoke alarms and, The Red Cross staff deploy, with assistance from the U.S. Military, were able to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 6,930 local military families; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Blood Services supports many Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 34,813 units of red cells, platelets and plasma annually to patients in need; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland, does hereby proclaim, the month of March, 2017 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, on behalf of the residents of Oakland, recognizes and honors The American Red Cross, for their contributions and dedication, 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