

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: March 25, 2008

SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION** — Approve a Proclamation declaring March as “American Red Cross Month 2008” in honor of the Placer District, Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Action Requested

Approve a Proclamation declaring March as “American Red Cross Month 2008” in honor of the Placer District, Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Background/Issues

The Board is being asked to support a Proclamation to declare March as “American Red Cross Month 2008” in Placer County. For more than 100 years, Placer County residents have relied on the expertise and the volunteers of the American Red Cross, Placer District, in disaster relief and health and safety education. The Placer District, Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross responds to approximately 50 disasters large and small each year, ranging from fires which affect single families in homes or apartments, to wildland fires in the Sierra Nevada affecting hundreds of people, flooding, strong winter storms, and other natural and human-caused disasters. This service has been an immeasurable asset to the residents and communities within Placer County.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the general fund.

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PROCLAMATION

In the matter of a Proclamation declaring March as "American Red Cross Month 2008" in honor of the Placer District, Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross.

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, Placer County residents have relied on the expertise and the volunteers of the American Red Cross, Placer District, in disaster relief and health and safety education; and

WHEREAS, the Placer District, Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross responds to approximately 50 disasters large and small each year, ranging from fires which affect single families in homes or apartments, to wildland fires in the Sierra Nevada affecting hundreds of people, flooding, strong winter storms, and other natural and human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Placer District as well as Sacramento, recently prepared and/or staffed eight shelters to assist residents affected by January's wind and snow storms in areas ranging from Tahoe to Foresthill, Auburn, Rocklin and Granite Bay, using Red Cross caches of supplies such as cots and blankets, and working closely with the Placer County Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Placer District worked several days to assist residents of the devastating Angora Fire in South Lake Tahoe, and opened shelters to assist residents affected by the Washoe Fire outside Tahoe City in 2007 and the Ralston Fire outside Foresthill in 2006; and

WHEREAS, 500 Red Cross volunteers continue to train and prepare for response to emergencies in Placer County, including the use of powerful communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, during the past year the volunteers from the Placer District of the American Red Cross also have taught nearly 6,000 individuals to save lives by providing training in first aid, CPR, water safety and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in local classes; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, the Placer District hosted CPR Saturday, a special event sponsored by Oracle and Bayside Church that provided free CPR training to more than 500 people; an event made possible by the support of the community and more than 100 Red Cross volunteers, making Placer County a safer place to live.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare March as American Red Cross Month to emphasize our commitment to working with volunteers from the American Red Cross Placer District and our ongoing appreciation for their support in helping people learn to save lives and to aiding people affected by disasters.

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