



**MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 8, 2022
FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Principal Management Analyst
BY: Jennifer Grappasonno, Administrative Technician
SUBJECT: Proclamation - March 2022 as American Red Cross Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation establishing March 2022 as American Red Cross Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross turning her dedication for helping others into a bold mission preventing and alleviating people's suffering. More than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross Volunteers here in Placer County.

In times of crisis, people in Placer County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors. They continue to carry out Clara Barton's legacy by volunteering, giving blood, donating financially and learning vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross. In Placer County, the local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. The Red Cross's efforts to alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Today, 140 years after the founding of the American Red Cross, we honor the kindness and generosity of the Red Cross volunteers here in Placer County who continue to carry out Clara Barton's lifesaving legacy.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proclamation

COUNTY OF PLACER



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IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Placer County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Placer County who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, in Placer County, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours – whether it's providing emergency shelter, food, and comfort for families devastated by a local disaster like home fires, snow events, trees into homes, and donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held March 8, 2022, proclaiming the month of March 2022 as "American Red Cross Month". We encourage all citizens of Placer County to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

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