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American Red Cross Month 2019

Since 1943, Red Cross Month and calls on Americans to make a donation, volunteer, take a class or give blood as well as recognize and thank Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of themselves to support our community in time of need. The American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles—including humanity, impartiality and independence—to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status.

Every year, the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from small home fires to devastating massive disasters and handles an average of 3,000 emergency military calls every year and collects an average of 147,531 whole units of blood from generous blood donors. In Los Angeles, since the launch of PrepareSoCal in 2015, the Red Cross has assisted with 217 local disasters that helped save lives and worked with community partners to install

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17,700 smoke alarms to make 4,603 households safer. In 2018 the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region supported and responded to large crises that included mudslides in California, a volcano in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and California, destructive hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and a devastating typhoon in U.S. territories. Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provided around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, served millions of meals and snacks with partners, and distributed millions of relief items.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS proclaim March 2019 as American Red Cross Month in Los Angeles County.