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**Recognizing March 2026 as Red Cross Month in Los Angeles County**

For the last 145 years, the American Red Cross has sheltered, fed, and provided comfort to people affected by disasters, including house fires, apartment fires, wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and other major emergencies. It supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood, teaches lifesaving skills, distributes international humanitarian aid, and supports veterans, military members, and their families. Red Cross volunteers and staff deliver vital services during times of crisis and help communities prepare for emergencies by encouraging individuals, families, and businesses to make emergency plans, build emergency kits, and take preparedness classes.

The Red Cross played an integral role in supporting affected communities following the January 2025 Fires. The Red Cross has provided 19,341 overnight emergency shelter stays, more than \$9.8 million in financial assistance to 8,170 households, served over 163,500 meals and snacks, and distributed 3,289 cleanup kits along with more than 199,000 emergency supplies to assist 22,084 households.

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The Red Cross is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. Its mission is to reduce human suffering, protect life and health, and promote peace and understanding. It helps people based on need alone, without discrimination, and gives priority to those in greatest distress.

Since 1943, the President of the United States has declared March as Red Cross Month. This month recognizes the important work of the Red Cross and the many volunteers who help people in need. The last time the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed “Red Cross Month” in Los Angeles County was March 2015.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors recognize the month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in Los Angeles County.

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