



City of Berkeley Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2014 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day, volunteering their time, giving blood, taking lifesaving courses, and providing financial donations to help those in need; and
- WHEREAS,** Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and
- WHEREAS,** American Red Cross heroes provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans, and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and
- WHEREAS,** In the past year, the 3,000 local volunteers of the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter helped more than 730 families with temporary housing, clothing, food, and emotional support during 433 local disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** Our local Chapter trained more than 177,000 people in lifesaving CPR, first aid, water safety, and preparedness education, provided emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance, and a caring presence to more than 8,000 local military families, and supported 28 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with nearly 75,000 units of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma to patients in need.
- WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our everyday heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby declare the month of March 2014 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Tom Bates

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Mayor



February 25, 2014