

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and
- Whereas,** the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and
- Whereas,** the American Red Cross Bay Area helped 1,777 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 681 local disasters last year alone; and
- Whereas,** people have counted on the Red Cross for information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play, and last year the American Red Cross Bay Area trained 83,203 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and
- Whereas,** through the Pillowcase Project and the Home Fires Campaign, 9,474 individuals and families received fire prevention training, supplies and/or smoke alarms; and
- Whereas,** the Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. Military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 6,930 local military families; and
- Whereas,** American Red Cross Blood Services supports many Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 34,813 units of red blood cells, platelets and plasma annually to patients in need.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

American Red Cross Month

in the City of Alameda and urge Alameda residents to thank the American Red Cross heroes who volunteer their time, give blood, take life-saving courses, provide financial support, and reach out to those in need on a daily basis.



Trish Herrera Spencer
Mayor