

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATING MARCH AS
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross month we recognize the compassion of people in Carmel-by-the-Sea and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton — one of the most honored women in our country's history — who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers (134 in the county) give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours, helping 53 households affected by 39 home fires last year by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, as well as providing recovery support; and

WHEREAS, last year the Red Cross also collected 1,560 blood donations, provided first aid and CPR training to 3,243 residents, helped the families of 1,355 students prepare for disasters through our Pillowcase Project, and assisted 272 families of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, Dave Potter, Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Carmel hereby proclaim March 2024 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-four, in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Dave Potter, Mayor