

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** more than 140 years ago, the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton as a humanitarian organization to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and
- WHEREAS,** President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation in 1943 to raise awareness of the organization and its humanitarian mission, and since then every president has issued a Red Cross Month proclamation; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross is 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; and
- WHEREAS,** American Red Cross volunteers provide emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters, and donate lifesaving blood for cancer patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Red Cross Month is a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in Santa Clara, across the United States, and around the world, as their dedication touches millions of lives each year; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, the month of March is dedicated to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy and commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as

Red Cross Month

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby encourage all Santa Clarans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 19th day of March 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara