

*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. 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 mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; it is guided by seven fundamental principles including humanity, impartiality, and independence; and
- WHEREAS,** American Red Cross volunteers provide emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by 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 time to honor the kindness of the 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.

**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 2026 as

**RED CROSS MONTH**

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby encourage all Santa Clarans to support the organization's humanitarian mission.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2026.



**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 6



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