

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Brandon Vang



WHEREAS, emergency preparedness can mean the difference between survival and loss. While nine in ten Americans agree that emergency readiness is critical and necessary, only 46 percent have emergency action plans in place. Without adequate resources and education for emergency readiness, thousands of families remain vulnerable and at risk of catastrophic consequences; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Central Valley Region, comprised of three chapters, serves more than 4.4 million residents across eleven counties. In the Central Valley, emergency preparedness is essential due to high vulnerability to extreme heat, drought, poor air quality, and flooding. Through preparedness education and disaster response services, the American Red Cross helps ensure Valley residents feel prepared and protected in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and staff of the American Red Cross serve as a lifeline for communities in times of need, delivering shelter, food, and comfort after disasters, assisting military members, veterans, and their families with 24-hour global support, and equipping individuals with lifesaving skills such as first aid and CPR; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March, communities across the nation observe American Red Cross Month by honoring the compassionate individuals who make its humanitarian mission possible. For more than 145 years, their acts of kindness have brought relief, comfort, and hope when help cannot wait; and

WHEREAS, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark Red Cross Month, we celebrate our local heroes and reaffirm our resolve to lift each other up so that no one faces an emergency alone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as:

“American Red Cross Month”

In the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 26th day of March 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President, District 4

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

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