

# City of Fresno

Office of Council President Steve Brandau

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** was established more than 137 years ago as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles including humanity, impartiality, and independence to provide services to those in need; and

**WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** responds to more than 62,000 disasters around the country every year, from small home fires to massive disasters like wildfires, hurricanes, typhoons, and flooding. Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provided around-the-clock shelter, while serving and distributing millions of meals and relief items for disaster victims; and

**WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** shelters, feeds, and provides emotional support to victims of disasters, supplies approximated forty-percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that saves lives, provides international humanitarian aid, and supports military members and their families; and

**WHEREAS, in Fresno, the Red Cross** has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The Central Valley Chapter assisted with 631 local families during times of disaster in the past year alone and helped save lives through our Home Fire Campaign. Since the campaign launched in October 2014, the Central Valley Chapter has worked with community partners to install 5,815 smoke alarms and make 2,289 households safer. Meanwhile, in our area, the Red Cross handles an average of 2,200 emergency military calls every year; and

**WHEREAS, this is a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross** volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Fresno who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF FRESNO** dedicates the month of April to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission.

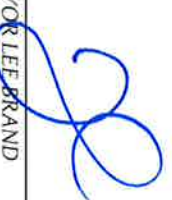
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Lee Brand and Fresno City Council Members, do hereby honor, recognize and proclaim April 2019 to be:

## “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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019,

MAYOR LEE BRAND



COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT MIGUEL ARIAS



COUNCILMEMBER PAUL CAPRICCIO



COUNCILMEMBER GARRY BREDEFELD



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