

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Lee Brand & The Fresno City Council*

- Whereas: More than 137 years ago, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, 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. Today, the American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, and delivers its mission every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; and
- Whereas: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families; and
- Whereas: Donations enable the Red Cross to respond quickly and efficiently whenever they're needed to deliver help, hugs and hope It costs an average of \$550 to provide immediate assistance to help a family of three recover from a disaster such as a home fire. The generosity from the greater Fresno community has provided care and compassion for families in need throughout the region and beyond; and
- Whereas: In Fresno, the Red Cross is initiating a campaign to benefit disaster preparedness and response called a *Shelter of Hope* as a way to help their neighbors in times of greatest need. On average, every 24 hours the Red Cross responds to a disaster right here in Central California, from devastating home fires to wildfires to floods and more; and
- Whereas: *Shelter of Hope* is a way 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; and
- Whereas: We dedicate this day to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Communities across this nation depend on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission; and

Therefore, be it resolved that on this day the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Fresno would like to encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission by declaring today, September 26, 2019, to be:

## “Shelter of Hope Day”

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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MAYOR LEE BRAND

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