

City of Petaluma

Proclamation

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH – MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, this March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by recognizing the compassionate acts of people in the City of Petaluma and by renewing our commitment to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, since Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross almost 150 years ago, generation after generation has stepped up to deliver relief and care across our country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and financial supporters who now give back through the Sonoma/Napa Disaster Response Area of the American Red Cross remain unwavering in their commitment to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of today's emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these voluntary and generous contributions shine a beacon of hope in people's darkest hours - whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting service members, veterans and their families; saving lives with first aid, CPR, AED and other skills; or delivering international aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, this work to uplift our community is truly made possible by those who selflessly answer the call to help, whenever and wherever it's needed. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of their remarkable service, and we ask everyone to join in their commitment to care for one another.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby acknowledge **March 2025** as **Red Cross Month** and encourage all citizens of Petaluma to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk