



**City of Pittsburg**

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## **Proclamation**

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH - MARCH 2024**

*WHEREAS, in honor of those that turn compassion into action, Red Cross month falls in the month of March; and*

*WHEREAS, the Red Cross society has been saving lives since the 1800s and is made up of volunteers who offer to help others in times of crisis; and*

*WHEREAS, according to statistics, the American Red Cross responds to an emergency every eight minutes which means that in every 24-hour period, the Red Cross responds to approximately 180 emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, Red Cross Bay Area Chapter serves nearly 4.5 million people across the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo; and*

*WHEREAS, multiple atmospheric rivers impacted California last winter and spring, with severe weather that upended lives. Over 1,200 Red Cross workers supported safe refuge for displaced families and delivered vital supplies, financial assistance and more; and*

*WHEREAS, the Northern California Coastal Region Red Cross Home Fire Campaign was a success where 1,294 free smoke alarms were installed, 462 homes made safer, thanks to volunteers, local fire departments and partners; and*

*WHEREAS, each year, more than 120 students across the Bay Area gather for a transformative experience. The Red Cross Leadership Development Center, a four-day conference, empowers students with leadership skills and disaster preparedness; and*

*WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to the American Red Cross to support their mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan Antonio Banales, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Pittsburg, do hereby honor the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter for their mission and contributions to the City of Pittsburg.*



**Juan Antonio Banales, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk**

**ATTEST: March 4, 2024**