

## ***CITY OF CALISTOGA PROCLAMATION***

### **RECOGNIZING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

**Whereas**, More than 137 years ago, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status; and

**Whereas**, 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**, Every year, the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from small home fires to devastating massive disasters; and

**Whereas**, Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provide around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, serve millions of meals and snacks with partnerships, and distribute millions of relief items; and

**Whereas**, In the City of Calistoga, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The CA North West Chapter assisted with 13 home and apartment fires providing immediate assistance to those in need. Our Home Fire Campaign is an effort to minimize these disasters. Working with community partners to help save lives, volunteers have installed over 260 smoke alarms in 87 homes; 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**, The month of March is dedicated to recognizing and thanking American Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help members of the community, and to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that I, Chris Canning, do hereby proclaim the month of March as American Red Cross Month, and encourage all to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

**Signed and sealed, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two Thousand Nineteen**

***CHRIS CANNING, Mayor***

