

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION)
RECOGNIZING 2017 AS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE)
AMERICAN RED CROSS IN FRESNO COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-156

WHEREAS, Whereas, in Fresno County, we are celebrating a Century of Service since founding in 1917. For 100 years, we have been helping our neighbors in need through humanitarian efforts, mobilizing the power of volunteers, and the generosity of donors. Thus, American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to provide relief, hope, and comfort to our local residents throughout the region.

WHEREAS, Whereas, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella.

WHEREAS, Whereas, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Fresno County who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

WHEREAS, Whereas, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration.

WHEREAS, Whereas, we come together in recognition of a Century of Service, we not only honor the past, but we celebrate the future in building stronger, more resilient communities. The Century of Service Campaign pays homage to the historic 1920 Red Cross poster that proclaims: "We belong 100% strong" – through the continued legacy of "Giving, Serving, and Caring".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month. We encourage all residents of Fresno County to support the American Red Cross of Central California in advancing its noble humanitarian mission through "Giving. Serving. Caring".

THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7TH day of March, 2017, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy