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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-156

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

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

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, Whereas, we come together in recognition of a Century of Service, we not only
27 honor the past, but we celebrate the future in building stronger, more resilient communities. The Century
28 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

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

27 ATTEST:
28 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy