

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Santa Rosa and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the Red Cross in the Northern California Coastal Region to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food, and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans, and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR, and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of Santa Rosa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Santa Rosa and the State of California, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Santa Rosa to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of March, in the year two

thousand twenty-four, and in the City of Santa Rosa, California.

Mayor Natalie Rogers March 5, 2024