

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2018 AS “AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF POMONA

WHEREAS, since 1943 the President of the United States has proclaimed March as Red Cross Month and calls on Americans to make a donation, volunteer, take a class or give blood; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region with the assistance of nearly 6,000 volunteers, who help provide direct service assistance to the community locally, uses this opportunity to educate communities about the services provided to the public each and every day; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region supported and responded to four of the year’s largest and most complex disasters. This included back-to-back hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, Maria and the deadliest week of wildfires in California history by mobilizing more than 300 trained local disaster volunteers and employees on nearly 500 deployments, sending over 8,000 shelter support materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region provided disaster relief assistance to over 2,500 clients, of which 803 were children, by providing shelter, food, emotional support, and other necessities; installed 13,933 free smoke alarms with the help of over 2,600 volunteers and educated the residents of 4,644 homes about the importance of fire safety; taught preparedness education to 9,761 individuals; assisted 897 people with military family emergency communications requests, and provided nearly 31,000 hygiene items to veterans, including homeless veterans:

NOW, THEREFORE the City of Pomona, California, in recognition of the importance of volunteering, making a donation, taking a class or giving blood, does hereby proclaim the month of March to be:

“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”

In the City of Pomona and urges all residents to show support to the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2018.