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**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**MARCH 14, 2017**

**PROCLAIM MARCH 2017 AS RED CROSS MONTH**

For nearly 75 years, the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of March as Red Cross Month, a month-long observance of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the Red Cross, and an invitation to individuals to make a donation, volunteer, take a class, or give blood.

In its centennial year serving the Los Angeles Region, the L.A. Region Red Cross serves as part of the nationwide network in partnership with local chapters including: Northern Valleys, Greater Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Gabriel Pomona Valley and Santa Monica. In 2016, the Red Cross Los Angeles Region volunteers and staff assisted 2,541 victims of disasters with financial or other needs, of which 668 were children; provided 10,475 comfort kits to veterans, including homeless veterans; trained 139,188 individuals in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), first aid and water safety; taught emergency preparedness education to 35,476 individuals; and engaged 3,726 youth volunteers who provided 17,040 hours of community service.

The Red Cross uses the month of March to educate communities about the services provided locally and throughout the world, and encourages individuals, families

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and businesses to prepare themselves for disasters by putting together emergency kits, making disaster plans, and getting informed through preparedness education classes.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim the month of March 2017 as “Red Cross Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles; and,
2. Encourage all County employees and residents to learn more about the Red Cross by visiting <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles>, and to show their support by volunteering their time, making a donation, taking a class, or giving blood.

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