



Proclamation

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Merced 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 — one of the most honored women in our country's history — who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and,

WHEREAS, The contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours. Last year in Merced County, volunteers helped 49 households affected by 97 home fires by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, as well as providing recovery support. In addition, they installed 193 smoke alarms, collected 673 blood donations, provided first aid and CPR training to 2,366 residents, and assisted 25 families of our armed forces; 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; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Merced and California, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Merced to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

Signed this 18th day of March 2024.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced