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WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898, with the mission to provide relief to victims of disaster and to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area has a long history of assisting those in need in the bay area, by helping to shelter 35,000 homeless people, feeding 200,000 people, and raising over \$8.5 million to aid and restore San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by U.S. Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to those afflicted by personal, local and national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped over 1070 families with temporary housing, clothing, food, and mental health counseling during 500 local disasters last year; and

WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 143,877 people in lifesaving CPR, first aid, and water safety practices to ensure that the people who count on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school, and at play received these services; and

WHEREAS, through the Prepare Bay Area initiative and community preparedness programs, over 240,207 individuals received training in safety practices, disaster preparedness, and lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross staff deploys with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance, and a caring presence to 2,327 local military families in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay area hospitals, providing them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets, and plasma to patients in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the American Red Cross on its invaluable work and contribution within the San Francisco community, the greater Bay Area, and through out the country, and hereby proclaims March 2009 as American Red Cross Month in the city and County of San Francisco.



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March 24, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 24, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Gavin Newsom