



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Proclaiming and Recognizing March as Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of Sebastopol and reaffirm our commitment to help ensure no one faces a crisis alone; and

WHEREAS, Caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of the City of Sebastopol, whose simple acts of kindness through the Red Cross provide help and hope in people's most difficult moments, thereby continuing the lifesaving legacy of Clara Barton, who founded the organization more than 140 years ago to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, Every day, these ordinary individuals lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need, whether by providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters; donating lifesaving blood for cancer patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions; supporting military members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers; using and teaching vital skills like first aid and CPR to help others survive medical emergencies; or delivering international humanitarian aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by crises around the world; and

WHEREAS, Their support, volunteerism and generous donations are critical to our community's resilience. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it," and ask everyone to join in this commitment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Neysa Hinton, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Red Cross Month and I encourage all citizens of Sebastopol to reach out and support the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 7th day of March 2023.

Mayor Neysa Hinton