

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH March 2026

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month when we honor our neighbors who make its humanitarian mission possible in the City of Albany. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters light the way during emergencies – whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving blood supply for patients facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications, and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, with 2,223 volunteers in Alameda County, the American Red Cross assisted or responded to 141 disasters, assisting 286 families; and

**WHEREAS**, through Sound the Alarm program, the American Red Cross installed 1,104 smoke alarms, making 300 homes safer; and

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County residents donated 33,104 units of lifesaving blood; hosted 1,165 blood drives; and trained 18,914 citizens in first aid, CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and aquatics; provided 323 case services to military members and their families; and provided humanitarian aid internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up, so no one faces an emergency alone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Albany City Council hereby recognizes March 2026 as Red Cross Month and encourages all community members to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

DATED: March 2, 2026

  
PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR