

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL Proclamation

PROCLAIMING

March 2024 As American Red Cross Month

Whereas, during American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Sebastopol 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, Today, kindhearted individuals in Sebastopol exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the Red Cross in the Northern California Coastal Region to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Diana Gardner Rich, Mayor of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as American Red Cross Month and encourage all citizens of Sebastopol to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 5th day of March 2024.

Diana Rich Mayor, City of Sebastopol