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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution Proclaiming March 2023 Red Cross Month in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

Over the last few years, much of California has experienced extreme weather conditions, from wildfires to severe climate events. Responding to these disasters requires a community approach. Nevada County is very thankful to have a strong partner in the American Red Cross. The California Gold Country Region of the Red Cross has been only a phone call away, responding to unmet needs in our community when disaster strikes.

The humanitarian spirit is the foundation of our community and is exemplified by Red Cross volunteers and donors. In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Nevada County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, donate financially, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross.

During the wildfires and severe climate events between 2021-2023 the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers gave hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours by providing emergency shelter, food and comfort to families devastated by wildfires and local disasters like single-family home fires; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; and delivering international humanitarian aid.

Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the

need, and how to meet it.” We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Craig Griesbach