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5   WHEREAS,   The American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

6   WHEREAS,   The American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and

7   authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people

8   afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

9   WHEREAS,   The American Red Cross Bay Area helped 1,960 families with temporary

10   housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 362 local disasters last year

11   alone; and

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13   WHEREAS, People have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they

14   need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play and last year, the American Red

15   Cross Bay Area trained 157,553 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety ; and

16   WHEREAS,   Through the Prepare Bay Area initiative and community preparedness

17   programs, 550,350 individuals received training; and

18   WHEREAS,   The Red Cross staff deploys with the U.S. military to provide emergency

19   communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 1,385 local military

20   families; and

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22   WHEREAS,   The Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing

23   them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need; and

24   WHEREAS,   The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region

25   distributes 134,000 pints of blood per year for the protection of local patients, yet fewer than

1   100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually: and one blood donation may help

2   save three lives: now, therefore, be it

3   RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim

4   March 2009 as, American Red Cross Month in the City and County of San Francisco for their

5   invaluable work and efforts not only in our community, but around the country.

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