

1 [National Blood Donor Month.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing January 2006 as “National Blood Donor Month”.**

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5 WHEREAS, every day in the United States, blood is needed in hospitals and
6 emergency treatment facilities to care for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ
7 transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident and trauma victims; and,

8 WHEREAS, every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood; and,

9 WHEREAS, more than 38,000 blood donations are needed each day; and,

10 WHEREAS, blood can be separated into at least three components: Red Blood Cells,
11 Plasma, Platelets; and,

12 WHEREAS, just one blood donation can help save up to three lives; and,

13 WHEREAS, sixty percent of the United States population is eligible to give, but only
14 five percent of those eligible actually do; and,

15 WHEREAS, in an emergency, anyone can receive type O negative red blood cells, and
16 type AB individuals can receive red blood cells of any ABO group; and,

17 WHEREAS, January is National Blood Donor Month; and,

18 WHEREAS, to increase awareness of blood donation the nations leading blood
19 donation organizations, America's Blood Centers, AABB, and the American Red Cross, have
20 joined together to promote National Blood Donor Month; and,

21 WHEREAS, first-time and regular donors are encouraged to make a difference to their
22 communities by scheduling an appointment to give blood this January; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes January 2006 as “National
24 Blood Donor Month”.

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