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5 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898, with the mission
6 to provide relief to victims of disaster and to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to
7 emergencies; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area has a long history of assisting those in
9 need in the bay area, by helping to shelter 35,000 homeless people, feeding 200,000 people,
10 and raising over \$8.5 million to aid and restore San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake; and

11 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and
12 authorized by U.S. Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to
13 those afflicted by personal, local and national disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped over 1070 families with
15 temporary housing, clothing, food, and mental health counseling during 500 local disasters
16 last year; and

17 WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 143,877 people
18 in lifesaving CPR, first aid, and water safety practices to ensure that the people who count on
19 the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school,
20 and at play received these services; and

21 WHEREAS, through the Prepare Bay Area initiative and community preparedness
22 programs, over 240,207 individuals received training in safety practices, disaster
23 preparedness, and lifesaving skills; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Red Cross staff deploys with the U.S. military to provide emergency
2 communications, counseling, financial assistance, and a caring presence to 2,327 local
3 military families in the Bay Area; and

4 WHEREAS, the Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay area hospitals, providing
5 them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets, and plasma to patients in need;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the American
8 Red Cross on its invaluable work and contribution within the San Francisco community, the
9 greater Bay Area, and the through out the country, and hereby proclaims March 2009 as
10 American Red Cross Month in the city and County of San Francisco.

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