

1 [Red Cross Month resolution]

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3 **Resolution** proclaiming March 2008 as Red Cross Month in San Francisco.
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5 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and,

6 WHEREAS, The Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by
7 Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by
8 personal, local or national disasters; and,
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10 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Bay Area helped 900 families with temporary
11 housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 500 local disasters last year
12 alone; and,

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,

15 WHEREAS, Last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 140,000 people
16 in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety; and,

17 WHEREAS, Through the Prepare Bay Area initiative and Community Preparedness
18 programs, over 160,000 individuals received training, and

19 WHEREAS, Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency
20 communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 2,200 local military
21 families; and

22 WHEREAS, Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them
23 with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need: now,
24 therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
2 proclaims March 2008 as American Red Cross Month in San Francisco, and encourages all
3 residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, character, and civic duty that is
4 inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.