



# *City of Pacific Grove*

## A Proclamation Declaring March 2021 as American Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, the American Red was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles including humanity, impartiality and independence to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status, and;

WHEREAS, here in Monterey County, local families have relied on Central Coast Chapter volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with wildfires and floods. As a recent example, in response to the evacuation of some 15,000 people in the Central Coast area due to dangerously wet and windy storms, the Red Cross mobilized 100 disaster responders to support those in need. In the days following the evacuation orders, the Red Cross and our partners provided more than 1,200 total overnight stays in hotel accommodations for those that were displaced, provided 2,655 meals and snacks to those forced to evacuate their homes, and made more than 167 individual care contacts to support the health and mental health needs of those affected. Volunteers also helped 20 households affected by home fires in Monterey County by addressing their urgent needs such as food, lodging, and recovery support, and;

WHEREAS, Central Coast Chapter volunteers (192 from Monterey) have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in Monterey County, the Red Cross installed 377 smoke alarms, making 146 homes safer. Our Pillowcase Project and Prepare with Pedro initiatives reached 150 children. Over 850 county residents enrolled in health and safety training classes, and over 1300 blood donations were made. In addition, services were provided to 298 members of the armed forces, and;

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a time to thank the Red Cross staff, volunteers and donors who give generously of their time and resources to help the community. We dedicate the month of March in support of the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Peake, Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove, on behalf of the City Council and community, hereby proclaim March 2020 as American Red Cross Month.

*Bill Peake*

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Bill Peake, Mayor