

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in San Leandro, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter deployed more than 300 disaster workers to the relief effort following Superstorm Sandy, which is the most deployments sent from a non-affected region; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped almost 1,066 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during local disasters last year alone, with volunteers responding to 392 local disasters; and

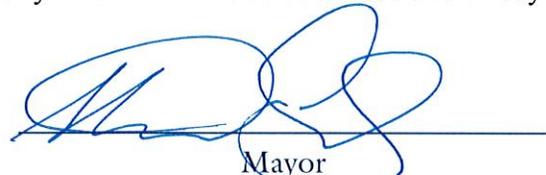
WHEREAS, through the Prepare Bay Area Initiative and Community Preparedness programs, the American Red Cross is a Partner in Preparedness in San Leandro and an important partner in the City's disaster preparedness planning and readiness; and

WHEREAS, San Leandrans annually support the American Red Cross through monetary donations and by donating blood through community and City sponsored blood drives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2013, as "**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**" in San Leandro, and encourage all residents to continue to support the American Red Cross, to donate blood as often as possible, and to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, character and civic duty that is inherent in the American Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 4th day of March 2013.



Mayor
City of San Leandro, California