

# Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area, founded in 1898, is a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped almost 1,773 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during local disasters last year alone, with volunteers responding to 392 Bay Area emergencies; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the American Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play. Last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 140,000 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid and water safety; and

WHEREAS, through the Prepare Bay Area initiative and Community Preparedness programs, the American Red Cross is a Partner in Preparedness in San Leandro, offering preparedness training for local residents and businesses, and training City emergency response personnel in emergency shelter operations; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to over 1,300 Bay Area military families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as "**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**" in San Leandro, and encourage all residents 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.