Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH AS

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2004

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

WHEREAS, through compassion, courage, character and civic duty the American Red Cross' mission is to prevent and relieve human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, was 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, American Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter helped 700 families during local disasters; and

· WHEREAS, American Red Cross volunteers responded to over 600 Bay Area families by providing food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; 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 including training in life saving CPR and first aid, water safety, and community preparedness, which the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter provided to nearly 75,000 people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that MARCH 2004 is hereby designated as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.

Dated: March 16, 2004

SUPERVISORS:

MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT

RICH GORDON

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors