

# Proclamation

## March 2026 as American Red Cross Month

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month, when we recognize the compassion of people in San Leandro and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross was founded in May 1881, by Clara Barton and this year marks the 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a volunteer agency chartered and authorized by Congress to provide compassionate assistance afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, San Leandro and other communities depend on the American Red Cross, and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 100 years, United States Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission; 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, training people in lifesaving skills in CPR, first aid, fire prevention and water safety; and

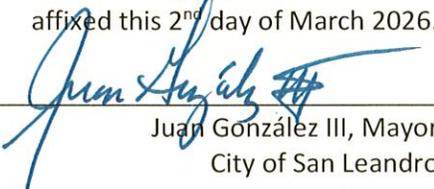
**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross reports that it has over 1,600 volunteers in Alameda County and assist or respond to hundreds of disasters annually. It also held over 1,100 blood drives and received nearly 30,000 blood donations from donors throughout Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross reports that within Alameda County it has trained over 12,000 citizens in first aid, CPR and AED; trained over 3,000 people in Aquatics and water safety and provided safety and prevention training and supplies to many more.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim **March 2026 as American Red Cross Month** in the City of San Leandro, and encourage all residents of San Leandro to support the mission of the Red Cross.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026.

  
Juan González III, Mayor  
City of San Leandro