

PROCLAMATION

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE PROCLAIMING MARCH 2010
AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH*

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

WHEREAS, the Red Cross, 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 1900 people with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 360 local disasters last year alone; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross Volunteers responded to approximately 360 local emergencies this year, providing food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the 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 157,000 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid, and water safety

WHEREAS, through Prepare Bay Area initiative and Community Preparedness programs, over 407,000 individuals received training.

WHEREAS, Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to 3,900 local military families; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brisbane City Council hereby proclaims March 2010 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Brisbane and encourages all residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage, character, civic duty that is inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.



W. Clarke Conway, Mayor