

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution #24-05**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

**MARCH 1 – MARCH 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was established in Washington, D.C. in 1881 by Clara Barton, a nurse and educator, who became the first president of the organization; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the month of March "**Red Cross Month**" to recognize the everyday heroes who selflessly help those in need by providing funds, donating blood or volunteering their time and skills; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross is the community leader in emergency preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, Every eight minutes the compassion and generosity of Red Cross volunteers is demonstrated by helping those affected by fires, floods, earthquakes and other disasters; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross offers lifesaving training and certification classes, including a youth class for K-12 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Locally, the Red Cross assisted families affected by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Northern California, helped individuals whose lives were disrupted by the 2010 San Bruno pipeline explosion, provided much needed disaster relief to those displaced by the devastating North Bay wildfires, and worked collaboratively with public health officials to deliver their much-needed services during the height of the coronavirus pandemic; and



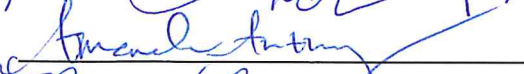

WHEREAS, South San Francisco Unified School District students have demonstrated compassion and civic duty by organizing many vital blood drives; and

WHEREAS, El Camino High School students participate in their Red Cross Club where "Members are encouraged to spread the Red Cross fundamentals of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality." and the South San Francisco High School club states "Our goal is to help the community and to give our help as much as possible. We will work to fundraise and donate our time and work to aid people in need".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and wishes to honor all workers, especially volunteers, and encourage residents of our community to join their efforts during **American Red Cross Month**.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Secretary/Clerk of the Board

  
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Superintendent of Schools