

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each March, the American Red Cross and its local community chapters are formally recognized for their essential humanitarian role in the cities and counties they serve; and

WHEREAS, every day, Napa County Red Cross volunteers and employees provide essential services in this community to help those affected by everything from house or apartment fires to floods, earthquakes, and other natural and human caused disasters, thanks to the generous support of the people in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, for more than 91 years, Napans have relied on the Red Cross to provide disaster relief, water safety and first aid/CPR/AED training; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, Napa County Red Cross responded to 17 residential fires and helped 44 displaced people with emergency food, clothing and a warm, dry bed to sleep in; and

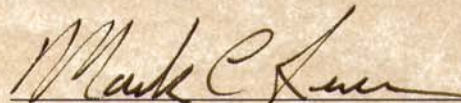
WHEREAS, over the past year, 5,437 individuals learned lifesaving skills through 656 classes offered by the chapter; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, 185 teenagers have enrolled in American Red Cross Babysitters training in Napa; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Red Cross conducted 27 disaster education presentations for our community; and

WHEREAS, 162 volunteers contributed 12,707 hours of service to the chapter, serving as members of the Board, instructors teaching lifesaving skills, Disaster Action Team (DAT) members, or disaster volunteers who traveled to other areas of the country when a disaster struck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mark Luce, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March, 2009 as ***American Red Cross Month***. Especially during this extraordinary time for our country, we encourage all Napans to support the Napa County Chapter of the American Red Cross and its noble humanitarian mission.



Mark Luce, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Gladys I. Coil, Clerk of the Board