

**A PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE  
PROCLAIMING  
MARCH 2021 AS  
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE**

Whereas, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that prevents and alleviate suffering during life's emergencies in the City of Commerce, across the United States and around the world; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross has a long history of helping those in need by serving as the staging area for setting up shelters, as well as delivering care, compassion, and hope during disasters; and

Whereas, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

Whereas, Here in the City of Commerce, families have relied on Disaster Response volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with Disasters. The American Red Cross serving Greater Long Beach, South Bay, Metro & Southeast Los Angeles volunteers have supported local families by supplying local hospitals with blood and convalescent plasma as a treatment for COVID-19. This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience, and

Whereas, Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ivan Altamirano, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Commerce and extend heartfelt gratitude to the organization's selfless volunteers, Disaster Action Team, dedicated employees, and generous supporters for their substantial contributions, which continue to make our community a better place.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2021.

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Ivan Altamirano  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway, City Clerk