

City of Laguna Niguel



Proclamation

American Red Cross Month

March 2022

Whereas, in times of crisis, people in Laguna Niguel come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and,

Whereas, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Laguna Niguel, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and,

Whereas, In Laguna Niguel, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours — whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like house fires, earthquakes, and flash floods; donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid.

Whereas, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Elaine Gennawey, on behalf of the Laguna Niguel City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all residents of Laguna Niguel to reach out and support the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.

Elaine Gennawey

Elaine Gennawey, Mayor