



City of Maywood

Proclamation *American Red Cross Month, 2021*

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in the City of Maywood across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering.

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.

Here in City of Maywood, families have relied on Disaster Response volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with Home Fires and other Disasters. The American Red Cross serving Greater Long Beach, South Bay, Metro & Southeast Los Angeles volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Including 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. 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, WE, the Mayor & Council of the City of Maywood, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

On this 10th day of March 2021

Mayor Ricardo Lara