

Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Lemoore

In Recognition of:

American Red Cross Month March 2009

Whereas, The American Red Cross has existed for 128 years, tasked to a mission of mercy in providing relief to American armed forces, their families, and civilians both near & abroad; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross is the watchman over the families of American servicemen and servicewomen around the world, serving as a medium of communication and alerting them in circumstances of both tragedy: death, and great joy: birth; and,

Whereas, The Tulare-Kings American Red Cross Chapter has served the people of this area for nearly 92 years, providing safe haven to those who have lost all manner of home and possessions due to fire and flood, providing training in first aid, CPR, AED, and disaster preparedness; and,

Whereas, The local chapter of the American Red Cross was there for the citizens of Lemoore after the Northgate Apartments fire in August 2007, when 6 families lost their homes and belongings, the Red Cross was there within 45 minutes after the 911 call, and established a temporary shelter for the displaced families within hours; and,

Whereas, The Red Cross organization's workforce, 96% of whom are volunteers, epitomizes the sense of giving and community that this City and this country aspire to amidst a world beset by conflict.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Lemoore does hereby claim the month of March 2009 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Lemoore and urges the citizens of this city to volunteer their time, provisions, or blood in a manner befitting that of the compassionate and selfless giving that has made the Red Cross organization worthy of veneration.

In Witness Whereof I, John F. Murray, Mayor of the City of Lemoore, have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 17th day of March, 2009.

John F. Murray, Mayor