

# Resolution

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CONGRATULATING AMERICAN RED CROSS OF  
HAWAII ON ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND  
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS  
RED CROSS MONTH  
IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, in recognition of the humanitarian role the American Red Cross plays in our communities, each year the President of the United States proclaims March as “Red Cross Month”, a tradition that began with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Clara Barton, known as the “angel of the battlefield”, delivered much needed care, comfort, and supplies to wounded soldiers throughout the Civil War, which led to the founding of the American Association of the Red Cross on May 21, 1881; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Red Cross in Hawaii began as early as 1898, when 300 women including Princess Kaiulani, cared for sick and wounded soldiers en route from the Philippines during the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, the American Red Cross of Hawaii was officially chartered during World War I and was supported by Queen Liliuokalani, whose hand-sewn red-cross flag flew over Iolani Palace, symbolizing her warm sympathy for the cause of humanity; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the American Red Cross of Hawaii celebrates 100 years of service to the community with a continued mission “to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors”; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Hawaii has assisted victims in every major disaster in the island’s history, from the bombing of Pearl Harbor, to the 1960 Hilo tsunami, to the November 1999 Xerox shooting on Oahu, to volcanic eruptions, and Hurricanes Iwa, Iniki, and Iselle; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Hawaii has a legacy of its volunteers and staff supporting relief efforts across the mainland and

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around the world, such as the horrific September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, along with the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and devastating tsunami that hit Japan on March 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Hawaii not only responds to various emergencies or disastrous situations, it also provides support programs and key services to help improve the lives of those within our communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Hawaii regularly provides communities on Maui with life-saving training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (also known as CPR), automated external defibrillator (also known as AED) and first aid, aquatics safety, and disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Hawaii provides 24-hour support and emergency communication between military service members, veterans, and their families; international tracing services for families torn apart by war or disaster; and implementing the Human Animal Bond Program at Tripler Army Medical Center with the use of therapy dogs to assist those recovering from social, mental and/or physical illness; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork of the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter, its district offices, and the numerous volunteers and benefactors who assist them have brought pride and honor to the people of the County of Maui; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby congratulates the American Red Cross of Hawaii on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognizes March 2017 as Red Cross Month in the County of Maui; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Michele Liberty, Director, Maui County Office, American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter; Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter; Anna Foust, Emergency Management Officer, County of Maui; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui.

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