

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes 130,000 pints of blood per year for the protection of local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation may help save three lives; and

WHEREAS, some 40 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than five percent donate blood; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional healthy volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim January as

National Blood Donor Month

and urge citizens in good health to donate regularly; we also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups and provide blood for those in need.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Thirteenth Day of January, by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

George Shirakawa
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Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors