Proclamation City of Laguna Woods American Red Cross Month March 2024

WHEREAS, caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the residents of Laguna Woods whose simple acts of kindness through the American Red Cross provide help and hope in the most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laguna Woods supports continuing the lifesaving legacy of Clara Barton, who founded the American Red Cross more than 140 years ago to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, every day, ordinary individuals lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need – whether it is providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by fires and other disasters or donating lifesaving blood for cancer patients, for accident victims, for people with sickle cell disease, as well as other life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross also supports military members and veterans along with their families and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; using vital skills such as first aid and CPR to help others survive medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross also delivers international humanitarian aid and helps reconnect loved ones separated by crises around the world; and

WHEREAS, during March we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of the American Red Cross and reaffirm our commitment to help ensure no one faces a crisis alone

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laguna Woods City Council does hereby proclaim March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month" in the City of Laguna Woods and supports the humanitarian mission and accomplishments of the American Red Cross in our city as well as the nation and around the world.

| Dated this 20 th day of March, 2024 | |
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| Noel Hatch | Attest: Yolie Trippy, CMC |
| Mayor | City Clerk |