

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
January of 2010
as National Blood Donor Month

WHEREAS, Donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of Americans can give; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and

WHEREAS, The need for blood is constant, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

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

WHEREAS, Some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 8 percent of these individuals present to donate blood; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Chew, Mayor of the Town of Moraga, do hereby proclaim the month of January as "National Blood Donor Month" for the Town of Moraga and urge all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need. I urge citizens in good health to donate regularly. I also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

Ken Chew, Mayor