

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

Donating blood is a fantastic way to help save lives. Whether an individual is a regular donor or has never donated, I strongly encourage all Californians in good health to donate blood. There is a great need for blood donations throughout the nation, especially during the winter months. Traditionally winter has a shortage of donors, and because every few seconds someone in the United States needs blood, it is important that we all do our part to help injured or sick patients in need.

Donating blood can be intimidating at first, but in reality does not require much sacrifice. As past donors can attest, the process is safe, simple and very gratifying.

Californians are a generous and compassionate people, and I know that all of us can step up and help those who are suffering from an injury or illness. I applaud all those who have donated blood and the many trained professionals and volunteers who draw donated blood, ensure its safety and distribute it nationwide. I deeply appreciate their contributions, and I hope their examples inspire others to help give the gift of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 2008 as "Volunteer Blood Donor Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of December 2007.

Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in black ink.

Debra Bowen
SECRETARY OF STATE

