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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**PROCLAMATION**

Every day, blood donations help accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatments for serious diseases. Those who give blood give the gift of life to others, and there is a constant need to replenish our blood supply.

Only a small percentage of our citizens across the country are blood donors, and it is vital that we step forward and help. By volunteering to give blood and inspiring friends, loved ones and peers to do the same, we can save more lives. Additionally, simple actions like assisting your local blood center or sponsoring a blood drive can make a big difference in many lives.

To all those who have donated blood, I thank you for the tremendous compassion you have shown to your fellow Americans. I encourage those who have not participated in this gratifying experience to give it a chance. It only takes a few minutes, and this small sacrifice is nothing compared to the gift you will offer to people in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 2010 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 17th day of December 2009.



Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in blue ink.

Debra Bowen  
SECRETARY OF STATE