



Proclamation



WHEREAS, In 2020, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Jake Wood couldn't stand by as a 7.0 earthquake devastate Haiti. He saw an immense need for help, so he acted. While other relief organizations hemmed and hawed, Wood led a team of seven into action. That small, scrappy team cared for thousands of survivors, broke the mold of humanitarian aid, and proved that they can always do more. That was their first operation and the one that gave Team Rubicon its name. Channeling the audacity of Julius Caesar as he crossed the Rubicon River in Italy, his team was committing themselves irrevocably to the cause when they crossed the Artibonite River into Haiti, their own point of no return: and

WHEREAS, today his team has expanded to 160,000+, but his mission remains the same: to help people affected by disasters. With billion-dollar disasters happening every 18 days on average, more people need support, so they need more donors, advocates, partners, and Greyshirts, the badass volunteers who don grey shirts and step up to support their mission of serving communities near and far. Team Rubicon is a veteran lead humanitarian organization, build to serve global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. For them, no operation is too large or small. They go where disaster strikes, helping the people that need them most in the moments they are needed the most; and

WHEREAS, throughout the state's history, National City has stood on the principle that we must come to the aid of those in need in times of humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, no corner of the globe is spared from severe weather, be it crippling winter storms, catastrophic hurricanes, or unchecked wildfires; and

WHEREAS, National City recognize our state has a moral responsibility to mobilize our resources to help our fellow Americans overcome the damage to their communities; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, Team Rubicon has deployed emergency response teams across the United States and around the world to provide relief to those impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Team Rubicon has utilized the skills and experiences of military veterans and first responders through its volunteer program; and

WHEREAS, by responding to the needs of National City's residents as a result of the January 22 2024 Storm event, Team Rubicon provided invaluable service to our community by assisting 21 Households in National City with muck out and debris removal operations over a three week period; and

WHEREAS, Team Rubicon spent 192.5 hours at 22 locations in National City with over 770 volunteer hours spent on site resulting in a removal of approximately 8,982 cubit of debris

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim February 20, 2024 as:

TEAM RUBICON DAY

Ron Morrison
MAYOR

Ditas Yamane
Vice-Mayor

Marcus Bush
Councilmember

Luz Molina
Councilmember

Jose Rodriguez
Councilmember