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## **COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR BLOOD DRIVE**

*Target is 850 Pints – Enough to Supply All of San Diego County for Two Days*

San Diego County staff will offer their arms for the annual San Diego County Employee Blood Drive, April 5 – 28, which benefits the San Diego Blood Bank.

“We’re extremely proud of County employees who give unselfishly every year to donate blood to those in need,” said County Supervisor Greg Cox. “The San Diego Blood Bank is currently experiencing a shortage, and the County team is doing its part to help fill the gap.”

The Blood Bank needs at least 400 pints of blood each day to help supply local health care facilities. Last year, employees donated more than 600 pints during the annual drive, and this year’s goal is 850 pints.

The month-long blood drive will take place at 16 County worksites, with a kick off on Tuesday, April 5, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302-303. Supervisor Cox will be on hand at 10 a.m. to donate blood.

“San Diego County employees can’t solve the blood shortage alone,” said Cox. “Blood saves lives and we encourage all eligible county residents to donate blood.”

Members of the public who want to donate blood or who want to organize a separate blood drive should contact the San Diego Blood Bank. The Blood Bank requires donors to be over the age of 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. There are some additional restrictions on who can and cannot give blood. For more information, call 800-4MY-SDBB or visit their Web site at [http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood\\_donors](http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood_donors).

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**Editor’s Note:** Supervisor Greg Cox and County employees will be available at 10 a.m. for interviews at the Tuesday, April 5 kickoff.