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## **AvalonBay Communities and American Red Cross Announce Emergency Preparedness Week**

— Helping Residents and Employees to be “Red Cross Ready” —

ARLINGTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (NYSE: AVB) – AvalonBay Communities, Inc., a leading multifamily real estate investment trust (REIT), today announced its second annual Community Emergency Preparedness Week from June 13-17. In collaboration with the American Red Cross, AvalonBay will provide information and best practices that help prepare its more than 140,000 residents and 3,000 employees in the event of an emergency or disaster.

“The safety and well-being of all AvalonBay residents and associates is important,” said Sean Breslin, AvalonBay’s Chief Operating Officer. “As an American Red Cross Disaster Responder Member, our partnership gives us access to Red Cross’ considerable resources which we are pleased to share with our residents and associates.”

During the week, AvalonBay will provide Red Cross emergency preparedness resources to residents and employees, including:

- Access to the Red Cross Emergency app
- Tips on planning for disasters ranging from home fires to hurricanes to earthquakes, including the Red Cross’ four easy steps to become better prepared
- A culminating event on Friday focusing on fire prevention, including hand-delivering fire safety and prevention information to all residents. A separate webinar will be held for AvalonBay associates to review its internal fire prevention procedures and emergency guidelines plus the Red Cross’ best practices for fire safety.

“The Red Cross is well known for helping people during emergencies,” said Linda Mathes, CEO at the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region. “It’s also part of our mission to help make individuals and communities safer. We commend AvalonBay for working with their residents and employees to become ‘Red Cross Ready’ for emergencies and providing them with our simple steps to follow in advance of a disaster to ensure they can weather a

crisis safely and comfortably.”

**About AvalonBay Communities, Inc.**

AvalonBay is an equity REIT in the business of developing, redeveloping, acquiring and managing apartment communities in the leading metropolitan areas in New England, the New York/New Jersey Metro area, the Mid-Atlantic, the Pacific Northwest, and the Northern and Southern California regions of the United States. As of March 31, 2016, the Company owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in 282 apartment communities containing 83,049 apartment homes in 10 states and the District of Columbia, of which 24 communities were under construction and 11 communities were under reconstruction. More information may be found on the Company’s website at <http://www.avalonbay.com>.

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