



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The American Red Cross, a valued non-profit organization, plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia by empowering millions of citizens to make a difference with life-saving skills and donations of time, money, and blood that ease human suffering at the local, state, national, and international levels; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross also partners with Georgia's emergency planning community to collaborate on disaster management strategies; and
- WHEREAS:** Through a statewide network of nine chapters, Georgia's Red Cross mobilized volunteers to provide emergency assistance that helped with essentials such as lodging, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional support for 4,681 families following 2,953 local disasters – home fires, tornadoes, flooding, and other severe weather – including 4,127 overnight stays in shelters and 49,882 meals and snacks for Hurricane Dorian evacuees in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross save lives in Georgia every day. The Southern Blood Services Region collected 201,230 blood and platelet donations from generous volunteers in our state to help supply area hospitals. And last year, Red Cross training in programs such as First Aid, CPR, use of an AED, Water Safety, and Caregiving gave 60,609 citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year, the Red Cross provided casework services for 23,355 military families in Georgia to help them send emergency messages, get financial assistance, find counseling, and get referrals; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross, with community partners, helped to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries last year by installing more than 11,000 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helping residents with fire escape plans as part of their Sound the Alarm Campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross continues to contribute to the Georgia community year after year, and their humanitarian efforts make this state and country a safer place; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Tina K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF