



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and empowers millions of our citizens to make a difference with life-saving skills and donations of time, money, and blood that ease human suffering down the street, across the country, and around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross is a valued, non-profit partner that collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all types; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year, through a statewide network of eight chapters, Georgia's Red Cross quickly and safely adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to mobilize volunteers, both in-person and virtually, to bring emergency assistance and provide essentials like lodging, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional support for 14,139 people following 2,708 local disasters – ranging from home and apartment fires to large-scale emergencies like Hurricane Sally, Delta, and Zeta; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day, and the Southern Blood Services Region, which covers most of Georgia and parts of Florida and South Carolina, collected 175,593 blood donations to help supply area hospitals. Last year, Red Cross training programs such as First Aid, CPR, AED, Water Safety, and Caregiving gave 36,914 of our citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** As part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide communications link between service members and their loved ones, and last year, the Red Cross provided casework services for 2,845 military families in Georgia to help them send emergency messages, get financial assistance, find counseling, and get referrals; and
- WHEREAS:** Preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission and the Red Cross, with community partners, helped to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries last year by installing more than 2,123 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helping Georgians create fire escape plans as part of the Sound the Alarm campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** We should celebrate the significant contributions of Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 29th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF