



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 not a government agency but rather, 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, the Georgia Red Cross safely continued to deliver on its mission through the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, mobilizing its 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 13,534 people following 3,147 local disasters – including 2,903 home and apartment fires, tornadoes, flooding, and other severe weather, like the post-landfall paths of Hurricanes Danny and Elsa; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross helps save lives in Georgia every day – the Southern Blood Services Region collected 193,127 blood 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 67,744 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 29,477 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 3,280 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helping residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is honored to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions of Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, who gave 262,087 hours of their time, bedside blood donors, financial donors, partners, and employees serving in communities statewide; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 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 16th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF