



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS: March is American Red Cross Month in order to recognize the compassion of people in Georgia and reaffirm the commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS: Caring for one another is at the heart of this great state and exemplified by our neighbors, whose simple acts of kindness through the Red Cross provide help and hope in people's most difficult moments — continuing the lifesaving legacy of Clara Barton, who founded the organization more than 140 years ago; and

WHEREAS: Today, kindhearted individuals throughout the community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the American Red Cross of Georgia to provide a beacon of hope for neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food, and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS: In 2023, Red Cross volunteers from Georgia responded to local disasters and deployed to national disasters like hurricanes, wildfires, and tornadoes. The Red Cross helped over 13,500 individuals affected by 2,600 local disasters like home fires in Georgia by addressing their urgent needs including food, lodging and recovery support; and

WHEREAS: The roughly 3,000 Red Cross of Georgia volunteers have supported their communities in other ways too. Last year across the state, the Red Cross of Georgia collected more than 167,000 units of blood at over 8,000 blood drives and donor centers. The Red Cross team also has supported those in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families through more than 18,000 case services; and

WHEREAS: This month of March is designated in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and all Georgians are encouraged to join in this commitment to strengthen our community; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2024, 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 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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