



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make its humanitarian mission possible in Georgia. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, those who serve with the Georgia region light the way during emergencies — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving blood supply for patients facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2025, Red Cross volunteers from Georgia responded to local disasters and deployed to national disasters, including the Los Angeles wildfires and Typhoon Halong in Alaska. The Red Cross helped over 12,900 individuals affected by more than 2,700 local disasters like home fires in Georgia by addressing their urgent needs, including food, lodging and recovery support; and
- WHEREAS:** The more than 4,200 Red Cross of Georgia volunteers have also supported their communities in other ways. Last year, across the state, the Red Cross of Georgia collected more than 188,000 units of blood at over 8,100 blood drives and donor centers, in addition to more than 42,100 units of platelets and 1,400 units of plasma that helped save lives. The Red Cross team has also supported those in the U.S. Military, veterans and their families through more than 15,800 case services. Furthermore, the organization also trained more than 99,900 people in First Aid, CPR, AED and water safety courses; and
- WHEREAS:** Preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission and, along with community partners, helped to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries last year by installing over 6,000 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and assisting residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** These collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up, so no one faces an emergency alone; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2026, 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 30th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF