



## **Proclamation Recognizing March as Red Cross Month**

**WHEREAS,** During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Albemarle County and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** This generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, one of the most honored women in our country's history, who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through your American Red Cross, Central Virginia Chapter to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours. More than 250 Red Cross volunteers provided 134 Central Virginia families with shelter, food, and comfort after a home fire, helped collect and process more than 18,000 blood donations for hospital patients, supported hundreds of military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service, and helped save lives through providing nearly 14,000 residents with first aid, CPR and other skills training.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the month of March 2024 as Red Cross Month and encourage all residents of Albemarle County to reach out and support their humanitarian mission; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that during this month of March, in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

Signed this 6th day of March 2024.

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Jim H. Andrews, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors