



Proclamation Recognizing March as Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has provided critical humanitarian services, including disaster relief, health and safety education, blood donation, and support to military families, for over a century; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the American Red Cross are made possible through the selfless contributions of volunteers, donors, and supporters who give their time, resources, and compassion to help others in need; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross continues to embody the values of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality, promoting a world where people are cared for and protected, no matter their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, March 2026 marks the celebration of the Red Cross's longstanding commitment to providing essential services, fostering resilience in communities, and supporting the well-being of individuals across the nation and the globe; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing March as Red Cross Month, we honor the dedication of the countless volunteers, donors, and staff who make the mission of the American Red Cross a reality and inspire others to become involved in these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the month of March 2026 as Red Cross Month in recognition of the invaluable contributions the American Red Cross makes to our communities and the world and observe this month with gratitude, reflection, and an invitation to support the continued success and impact of the American Red Cross's work; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors urge all community members to participate in activities that support the mission of the American Red Cross, whether through volunteering, donating blood, or contributing to disaster relief efforts, as we work together to strengthen our communities and foster a more compassionate world.

Signed this 18th day of March 2026.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors