



Proclamation Recognizing March as Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of Albemarle County and reaffirm our commitment to help ensure no one faces a crisis alone; and

WHEREAS, Caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of Albemarle County, 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 to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, In Albemarle County, every day, ordinary individuals lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need; whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters; donating lifesaving blood for cancer patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions; supporting military members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of service; using vital skills like first aid and CPR to help others survive medical emergencies; or delivering international humanitarian aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by crises around the world; and

WHEREAS, Their support, volunteerism and generous donations are critical to our community's resilience. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it," and ask everyone to join in this commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the month of March 2023 as Red Cross Month and encourage all residents of Albemarle County to get in touch and support their humanitarian mission.

Signed this 1st day of March 2023.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors