



Proclamation Proclaiming March as Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people from across Albemarle County come together to take care of each other. This humanitarian spirit is part of our community and exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her dedication to helping others into a bold mission to prevent and alleviate people's suffering. More than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of the Red Cross volunteers here in Albemarle County, who continue to carry on Clara's legacy of saving lives. They join millions of people across the United States who volunteer, donate blood, make monetary donations, or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, in Albemarle County, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours, whether providing emergency shelter, food, and comfort to families devastated by local disasters such as home fires, winter storms, flooding; donating essential blood for victims of accidents and burns, cardiac surgery and organ transplant patients, and those being treated for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell anemia; supporting military service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR, and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to bolstering the resilience of our community. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to drive the noble legacy of the founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, who lived in her words: "You should never think about anything but need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join this commitment to giving back in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors now proclaim the month of March 2022 as Red Cross Month and encourage all residents of Albemarle County to get in touch and support their humanitarian mission.

Signed this 2nd day of March 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors