



PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2016

WHEREAS, in the County of Albemarle, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need; and **American Red Cross Month** is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire, give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients, deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital, use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking, and enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster and we applaud our heroes here in the County of Albemarle and the entire Central Virginia area who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small; and every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected; collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; teaches millions of people lifesaving skills; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, as our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim

March 2016 as American Red Cross Month

and encourage all residents to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Signed this 9th day of March 2016.

Liz Palmer
Chair, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors