



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in Georgia, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and
- WHEREAS:** Caring for one another is at the heart of our great state and exemplified by our neighbors, 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; and
- WHEREAS:** Every day, these ordinary individuals lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for Georgia residents in need. Local families have relied on American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with various emergencies. Last year, Red Cross volunteers from Georgia responded to local disasters and deployed to national disasters like hurricanes, wildfires, and tornadoes. The Red Cross helped over 14,000 individuals affected by more than 3,300 local disasters like home fires in Georgia by addressing their urgent needs including food, lodging and recovery support; and
- WHEREAS:** The roughly 3,400 Red Cross of Georgia volunteers have supported our communities in other ways too. Last year across the state, the Red Cross of Georgia collected more than 178,000 blood donations while hosting over 8,000 blood drives. The Red Cross team also has supported our military, veterans, and their families through more than 20,000 case services; and
- WHEREAS:** The support, volunteerism, and generous donations from these inspiring individuals 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:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF