



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** March is American Red Cross Month in order to recognize the compassion of people in Georgia and reaffirm the commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and
- WHEREAS:** Caring for one another is at the heart of this 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:** Today, kindhearted individuals throughout the community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the American Red Cross of Georgia to provide a beacon of hope for neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2024, Red Cross volunteers from Georgia responded to local disasters and deployed to national disasters including Hurricanes Helene, Milton and Debby. The Red Cross helped over 14,000 individuals affected by more than 2,600 local disasters like home fires in Georgia by addressing their urgent needs including food, lodging and recovery support; and
- WHEREAS:** The more than 3,800 Red Cross of Georgia volunteers have also supported their communities in other ways. Last year across the state, the Red Cross of Georgia collected more than 181,000 units of blood at over 8,000 blood drives and donor centers. The Red Cross team has also supported those in the U.S. military, veterans and their families through more than 20,000 case services. This past year, the organization also trained more than 92,000 people in first aid, CPR, AED and water safety courses; and
- WHEREAS:** Preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission, and the Red Cross, with community partners, helped to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries last year by installing over 3,100 smoke alarms across the state in vulnerable homes and assisting residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** This month of March is designated in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and all Georgians are encouraged to join in this commitment to strengthen our community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2025, 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 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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