



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and empowers millions of our citizens to make a difference with life-saving skills and donations of time, money, and blood that ease human suffering down the street, across the country and around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross is a valued, non-profit partner that collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all types; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year, through a statewide network of nine chapters, Georgia's Red Cross mobilized volunteers to provide emergency assistance that helped with essentials such as shelter, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional support for nearly 4,400 families following more than 2,900 local disasters – ranging from daily home fires to large-scale emergencies like Hurricane Michael, the third strongest hurricane in U.S. history; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day – the Southern Blood Services Region covers most of Georgia and parts of Florida and South Carolina and provides blood and platelets donated by generous donors to more than 90 hospitals in the region. Last year, Red Cross training in programs such as First Aid, CPR, AED, Water Safety, and Caregiving gave 53,453 of our citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** As part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide communications link between service members and their loved ones. Last year, the Red Cross provided casework services to 25,488 military families in Georgia to help send emergency messages, get financial assistance, find counseling, and get referrals; 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 13,444 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helping over 5,850 Georgia households create fire escape plans as part of the Sound the Alarm campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** We should celebrate the significant contributions of Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2019 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 March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Tina K. Fleming

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