

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MARCH OF 2021 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, here in Indian River County, local families rely on American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with disasters; and

WHEREAS, during these most trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Florida Red Cross provides food, shelter, financial assistance, and comfort to individuals and families in need, as well as casework, guidance, and much more to help survivors recover from disasters large and small, and all at no cost to the recipients; and

WHEREAS, last year, our local Red Cross chapter responded to more than 210 disasters and trained over 500 volunteers in disaster response, with Red Cross volunteers especially addressing the urgent needs of Indian River County residents affected by home fires with food, lodging, and other recovery support; and

WHEREAS, Treasure Coast American Red Cross volunteers support local families in many other ways, such as providing critical safety and disaster readiness training, installing free smoke alarms, and creating fire preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the lifesaving work of the Red Cross is vital to strengthening our community's resilience, and nearly 200 years since the birth of founder Clara Barton, they continue to advance her noble legacy and commitment to caring for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of March, 2021, be designated as Red Cross Month in Indian River County and that the Board encourages all citizens to support this organization, through volunteering and charitable giving, in its noble humanitarian mission to alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2021.

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