

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MARCH, 2020, AS RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization across the United States and around the world. The local Coast to Heartland Chapter has a history of helping our neighbors by providing services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross responds to an average of 62,000 disasters across the country every year. In 2019 more than 250 Chapter volunteers assisted 39 people affected by 15 home fires in Indian River County addressing their urgent needs of food, water and lodging, while providing recovery support; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross continues to work with its partners to prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign, installing 2 million free smoke alarms and saving more than 680 lives across the country since its launch five years ago. Locally more than 585 free smoke alarms have been installed, making 360 households safer from the threat of home fires; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross provides disaster education and services to military members, veterans and their families. We recognize the volunteers in Indian River County who make it possible to help our neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, every day, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of March, 2020, be designated as **Red Cross Month** in Indian River County and the Board encourages all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2020.

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