

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world and delivers its mission every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS: Every year, the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from home fires to massive disasters. Last year's crises included mudslides in California, a volcano in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and California, hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and a devastating typhoon in U.S. territories. Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provided around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, served millions of meals with partners, and distributed millions of relief items; and

WHEREAS: In the State of Arkansas, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. Red Cross volunteers assisted with over 1,400 local disasters in the past year alone and helped save lives through the Home Fire Campaign. Since the campaign launched in October 2014, the Red Cross has worked with community partners to install over 7,000 smoke alarms and make over 4,000 households safer. Also in our state, the Red Cross handled over 750 emergency military calls last year and collected nearly 30,000 units of blood; and

WHEREAS: March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Arkansas who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds, and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families; and

WHEREAS: We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019, as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

across the State, I encourage all Arkansans to support their noble humanitarian mission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary Of State