

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: March is American Red Cross Month, a time when we recognize the humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies in Arkansas, across the United States and around the world. The American Red Cross in Arkansas has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans, and their families. During this Red Cross Month, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible.

WHEREAS: Last year in Arkansas, Red Cross volunteers helped over 7,600 people affected by home fires and natural disasters, including the flooding of the Arkansas River, by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, and providing recovery support. Meanwhile, when large disasters like the western wildfires, coastal hurricanes, and tornadoes and floods in other parts of the country last year, volunteers from Arkansas were among the nearly 9,000 Red Cross workers – 90 percent of them volunteers – who left their homes to work alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items, emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance.

WHEREAS: Meanwhile, the Red Cross continues to work with its partners to prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign, which installed its 2 millionth free smoke alarm last year and has saved hundreds of lives across the country since launching five years ago. In Arkansas, the Red Cross and local partners have installed more than 3,200 free smoke alarms and made more than 1,350 households safer from the threat of home fires.

WHEREAS: Additionally, in Arkansas, the Red Cross provided over 4,000 emergency and critical community services to our military members, veterans and their families, collected 17,200 units of blood and blood products and trained more than 21,700 individuals in lifesaving skills. We recognize the nearly 600 volunteer heroes in Arkansas who make this work possible to help our neighbors when they need a helping hand.

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. 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, 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 2020, 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 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary Of State