

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, 2021
A Proclamation

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in the Lowcountry, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering.

During the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage.

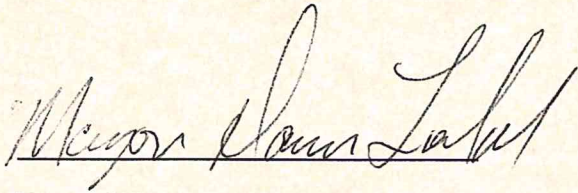
Here in the Lowcountry, local families have relied on Red Cross of South Carolina volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with a pandemic, home fires, tornadoes, floods and storms. Last year, over 220 volunteers deployed to local disasters and also responded in-person and virtually to national disasters like hurricanes and wildfires. Volunteers also helped more than 1,200 people affected by over 300 home fires in the Lowcountry by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support.

Red Cross of South Carolina volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in the Lowcountry, the Red Cross provided nearly 1,500 case services to U.S. service members, veterans and their families; collected more than 29,000 units of lifesaving blood; and trained more than 7,000 people in lifesaving skills like First Aid and CPR.

This lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Darren Tisdale Mayor of the Town of Kingstree by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Kingstree and state of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Town of Kingstree South Carolina.



Town of Kingstree Mayor

2-15-2021

Date