

PROCLAMATION

MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2021

A Proclamation by the Gordon County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in Northwest Georgia, 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.

Whereas: 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.

Whereas: Here in Gordon County, local families have relied on American Red Cross Northwest Georgia Chapter volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with home fire and tornado events. In 2020, Northwest Georgia Red Cross volunteers assisted 279 area families, including 221 of these after local disasters like home fires, tornados, and floods, by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support.

Whereas: Red Cross NWGA volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in the NWGA area, the Red Cross trained 4,680 people on CPR skills and AED use, and aided over 1,000 armed forces and veteran's families, and installed 212 free smoke alarms in local at-risk homes.

Whereas: 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, Becky Hood, Chair of the Gordon County Commission, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Gordon County and Georgia, 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 Second day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of Gordon County, State of Georgia.

Becky Hood, Chairman
Gordon County Board of Commissioner



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RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Red Cross 140th anniversary proclamation for March

1 message

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Thank you so much Annette and Becky!

I will be honored to attend your commission meeting on March 2nd, and accept the proclamation on behalf of Red Cross NWGA.

Have a good day.

Leigh

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