



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia as it organizes millions of caring citizens to donate their time, talent, money, and blood to help ease and prevent human suffering and to save lives in our state, nation, and world; and
- WHEREAS: The Red Cross is a valued partner in Georgia's emergency planning community in response to disasters of all types. Last year, through a statewide network of 11 chapters, the American Red Cross provided food, clothing, shelter, first aid, health care, and counseling to nearly 3,800 Georgia families following 3,000 local disasters. Last year, Red Cross training programs such as First Aid, CPR, use of an AED and Water Safety gave nearly 42,000 of our citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and
- WHEREAS: In Georgia, the Red Cross is saving lives every day through its Southern Blood Services Region's blood collection initiative, which processes, tests, and safeguards collected blood for donation to those who need it most. The Initiative plays a vital role in providing red blood cells and platelets to more than 100 Georgia hospitals; and
- WHEREAS: As part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides military service men and women a vital worldwide communications link to their families and loved ones "back home." This worldwide connection also allowed the Red Cross to assist 19,000 members of Georgia's military community send emergency messages, attain financial assistance, and counseling; and
- WHEREAS: A vital part of the Red Cross mission is to provide preparedness training by partnering with state and local agencies to encourage them to be prepared for the unexpected, including natural disasters, manmade threats, and health emergencies such as a pandemic flu outbreak; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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