

WHEREAS; for more than a century, the American Red Cross has played a critical role in helping Wisconsinites prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS; the volunteers, supporters, and staff of the American Red Cross serve the state dutifully in countless ways, including by distributing thousands of relief items after a disaster, providing a safe, life-saving blood supply for those facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications, or traumatic injuries, offering mental health supports, empowering individuals with life-saving skills like first aid and CPR, and assisting military members, veterans, and families with 24/7 support; and

WHEREAS; by providing services that support the health, safety, and well-being of their fellow Wisconsinites, American Red Cross volunteers are integral to ensuring that no one faces an emergency alone; and

WHEREAS; this month and throughout 2026 the Year of the Neighbor, Wisconsinites from all walks of life are encouraged to come together, look out for one another, and practice the Wisconsin values of kindness, empathy, compassion, and respect, especially when receiving services from the dedicated volunteers who offer their time, energy, and talents to help others in need; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Red Cross, in partnership with Wisconsin Emergency Management, in thanking the many volunteers across the state who deliver services through the American Red Cross and continuing efforts to ensure that all Wisconsinites have the knowledge and resources to respond appropriately to emergencies and help their fellow neighbors in times of need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State