

WHEREAS; since the early 1900s, the American Red Cross has played a critical role in helping Wisconsinites prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS; American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 777 disasters throughout our state last year, providing emergency assistance to 1,470 families affected by fires, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters, which included opening numerous non-congregate COVID-19 safe shelters and virtual multi-agency resource centers, reaching 1,912 first through third graders using virtual disaster education, distributing thousands of relief items, safely serving more than 7,000 meals and snacks, delivering over 500 cases of water, and providing 325 mental health contacts to support folks in the aftermath of local fires and floods; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, thousands of Wisconsinites learned to prevent and prepare for disasters, and more than 1,912 households were made safer, through American Red Cross community disaster virtual and in-class education programs, which included the installation of 4,620 free smoke alarms to people's homes before the pandemic hit; and

WHEREAS; more than 60,979 Wisconsinites are now prepared to help their neighbors during a crisis because they have been trained in CPR, the use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics, and babysitting through Red Cross lifesaving classes; and

WHEREAS; last year, American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services caseworkers provided 6,103 services to military members, veterans, families, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; countless lives across our state were saved because over 174,453 people donated blood at 5,622 blood drives, and more than 25 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross Biomedical Services; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Red Cross, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Wisconsin Emergency Management, in working to ensure that all Wisconsinites are prepared for disasters and emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 10th day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State