

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 856 disasters throughout Wisconsin last year, providing assistance to 4,024 individuals affected by fires, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters, distributing thousands of relief items, safely serving thousands of meals and snacks, and providing shelter and mental health support to families across the state; and

WHEREAS; in 2022, the American Red Cross shared preparedness resources and lessons with more than 2,648 students and partners to prevent and prepare for disasters through virtual and in-class education programs, which included the safe installation of 2,527 free smoke alarms in people's homes and providing virtual disaster education to numerous first through third graders; and

WHEREAS; thanks to the American Red Cross, more than 68,000 Wisconsinites are now better prepared to help their neighbors during a crisis because they have been trained in CPR, the use of automated external defibrillators, First Aid, swim safety, lifeguarding, and babysitting through Red Cross lifesaving classes; and

WHEREAS; last year, the American Red Cross Hero Care Network provided support to service members and their families before, during, and after deployment through emergency communication services, financial assistance programs, re-integration services, and veteran programs; and

WHEREAS; countless lives across the state were saved in 2022 because 231,486 units of blood were collected at 4,225 blood drives, and more than 22 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross Biomedical Services, which has added sickle cell trait screening for self-identified donors alongside efforts to raise awareness of the acute impact of sickle cell disease on communities of color; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Red Cross, in partnership with the United States 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 2023 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 17th day of February 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State