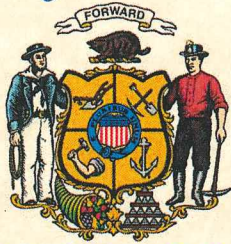


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; the American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 908 disasters throughout the state last year, providing emergency assistance to 1,982 families affected by fires, floods, tornadoes and other disasters; which included opening 10 shelters, opening four multi-agency resource centers, distributing 10,372 relief items, serving more than 7,691 meals and snacks, delivered over 800 cases of water, and provided 1,921 health and mental health contacts responding to the devastating summer floods; and

WHEREAS; in 2018, more than 1 million persons learned to prevent and prepare for disasters through American Red Cross community disaster education programs, which included the installation of 4,521 free smoke alarms to citizen's homes; and

WHEREAS; more than 94,565 Wisconsin citizens are prepared to help their neighbors during a crisis because they have been trained in Red Cross lifesaving classes such as CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics, and babysitting; and

WHEREAS; last year, American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services caseworkers provided 5,208 services to military members, veterans, families, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; countless lives were saved because over 175,000 people donated blood and over 30 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross Biomedical Services; and

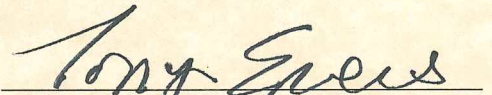
WHEREAS; the Red Cross is a partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Wisconsin Emergency Management, working to ensure that the people of Wisconsin are prepared for disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019, as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 18th day of March 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor


DOUGLAS A. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

