



Proclamation

From the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of our local citizens in the City of Fredericksburg and recognize our support of the Red Cross in their mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors;

WHEREAS, caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of Fredericksburg, whose simple acts of kindness through the Red Cross provide help and hope in people's most difficult moments, continuing the lifesaving legacy of Clara Barton who founded the organization more than 140 years ago to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

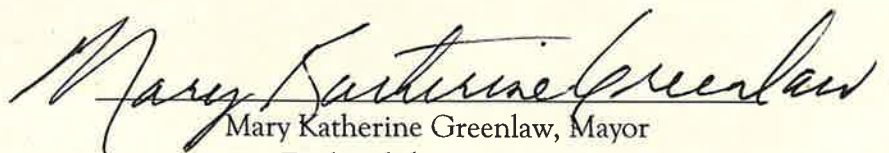
WHEREAS, every day, Red Cross volunteers lend a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need – whether it's providing emergency shelter, food, and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters; donating lifesaving blood for cancer patients, accident victims, and people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions; supporting military members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of service; using vital skills like first aid and CPR to help others survive medical emergencies; or delivering international humanitarian aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by crises around the world; and

WHEREAS, their support, volunteerism and generous donations are critical to our community's resilience. We hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it," and ask everyone to join in this commitment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia on behalf of the City Council, encourage all citizens of Fredericksburg to reach out and support its humanitarian mission, and I hereby proclaim the month of March as:

"Red Cross Month"




Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia