

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Pima County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers in Pima County who continue to carry out Barton's life-saving legacy. They join millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital, life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, the contributions of 437 American Red Cross volunteers in Southern Arizona gave hope to the most vulnerable in our community during their darkest hours. Whether it was providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by 217 home fires during the last year that impacted 907 individuals; donating 68,000 units of blood for accident and burn victims; heart surgery and organ transplant patients; and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting 6,000 service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others through the training of 11,645 people in first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of March 2022 to be:

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2022.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors