

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor our neighbors' kindness, helping families in need every day in Pima County, across the United States, and worldwide. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission to prevent and alleviate suffering; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our nation faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, here in Pima County, local families have relied on the American Red Cross, Southern AZ Chapter volunteers, for comfort and hope while coping with home fires, apartment fires, flooding, and wildfires. Last year, 323 local Red Cross volunteers helped 757 people affected by 146 home fires in Pima County by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging, and recovery support. Additionally, 134 volunteers deployed throughout the country to help with Red Cross disaster response to wildfires, flooding, tornadoes, and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Southern AZ Chapter volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in Pima County, the Red Cross conducted blood drives, assisted military members, veterans, and their families, and provided CPR/First Aid classes; and

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of March 2021 to be:

“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”

and encourages all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March 2021.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors