

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** in times of crisis, people in West Virginia come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by our local 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 people's suffering; and
- Whereas,** today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in West Virginia, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the 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 West Virginia, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours — whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like home fires and severe weather; donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid; and
- Whereas,** last year in West Virginia with the challenges of the pandemic, the Red Cross assisted nearly 650 families impacted by the disaster, installed over 1,200 smoke alarms, educated nearly 2,000 students in preparedness education, collected almost 35,000 units of lifesaving blood at over 2,100 blood drives, trained over 18,000 in lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid, provided almost 3,000 services to over 1,300 military members, veterans and their families through the efforts of over 600 West Virginia volunteers; and
- Whereas,** their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening West Virginia's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara 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 in our community.

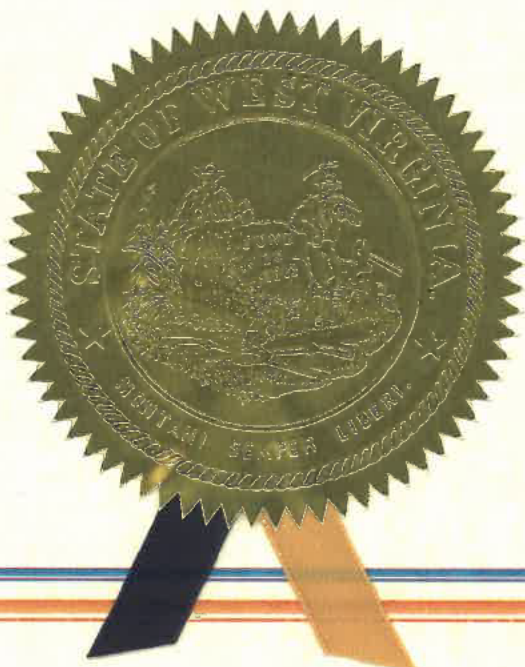
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **March 2022** as:


### *Red Cross Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State