

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** during American *Red Cross Month* in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of West Virginia and reaffirm our commitment to helping ensure no one faces a crisis alone; and

**Whereas,** caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of West Virginia, 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, these ordinary individuals 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.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2023* 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 Twenty-First day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State