

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, during the past year, the American Red Cross responded to mudslides in California, a volcano in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and California, destructive hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and a devastating typhoon in U.S. territories; thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provided around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, served millions of meals and snacks with partners, and distributed millions of relief items; and

Whereas, in West Virginia, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need; in the past year, they assisted 1,057 families who experienced a local disaster, over 800 of which were devastating home fires; since the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign launched in October 2014, the American Red Cross, along with community partners, has installed over 22,000 free smoke alarms and made more than 8,000 West Virginia households safer; through this Sound the Alarm work, 511 lives have been saved nationally, including 25 lives in West Virginia; and the Red Cross has educated approximately 5,000 West Virginia youth about preparedness and coping skills through the Pillowcase Project; and

Whereas, in the past year, the Red Cross assisted 1,000 active duty military, veterans and their families; trained more than 21,000 people in lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid; and collected 36,000 units of lifesaving blood; and

Whereas, March is *Red Cross Month*, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community; the Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster; we applaud our heroes here in West Virginia who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

Whereas, we dedicate the month of March as *Red Cross Month* to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2019* 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 Eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



Mac Warner
Secretary of State