

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** in the face of last year's disasters, hundreds of thousands of people turned to the American Red Cross for food, shelter and recovery support in West Virginia and across the country; and
- Whereas,** over the past year, the American Red Cross in West Virginia assisted over 1,000 local families impacted by a disaster, ninety percent of those were home fires. Red Cross Volunteers helped more than 2,664 West Virginians impacted by disaster addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support ; and
- Whereas,** in West Virginia, the American Red Cross West Virginia Region and local partners installed over 6,000 free smoke alarms and made more than 2,700 homes safer in 2019. This brought the total number of alarms installed in West Virginia in the last five years to over 28,000 ensuring nearly 11,000 homes were safer. These efforts have saved 699 lives nationwide including 29 people in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** in the last year, the Red Cross has educated nearly 4,000 West Virginia youth about preparedness and coping skills through the Pillowcase Project. The Red Cross supported over 1,000 military members, veterans and their families through the Service to the Armed Forces Program. The Red Cross collected about 36,000 units of lifesaving blood and trained almost 24,000 people in lifesaving skills such as first aid and CPR 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. We applaud our Red Cross 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.

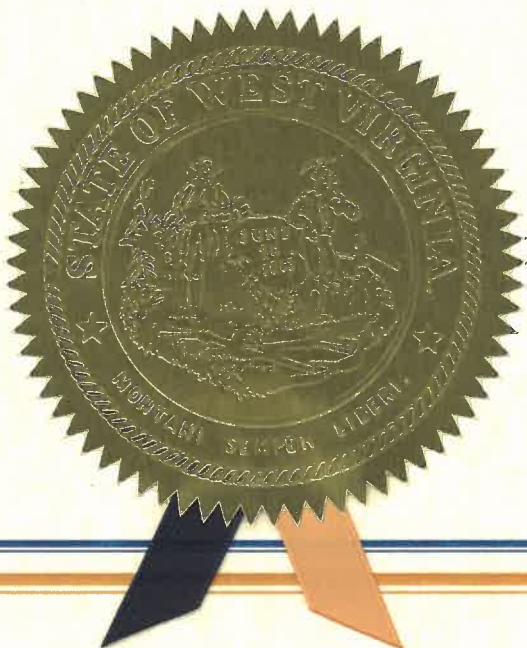
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2020* as:

### *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 Sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Secretary of State