



Proclamation

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in the City of Seminole, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating 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 country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, here in Seminole, local families have relied on America Red Cross of Tampa Bay volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with local disasters such as home fires, tornadoes, tropical storms, and hurricanes. Volunteers helped neighbors affected from these events by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross of Tampa Bay volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year, the Red Cross assisted our vast military community by providing emergency communications, aide, and resources to military members (active and retired), their families, and caregivers. In addition, they also supported servicemember organizations, local and domestic, when hosting events in the area; and

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. It has been nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, and 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, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

"American Red Cross Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this day of March 9, 2021.




Leslie Waters, Mayor