

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH – MARCH 2020

WHEREAS, guided by her passionate devotion to humanity, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881 as a charitable organization to provide services to people in need. After 138 years, her historic legacy of selfless service still inspires hundreds of thousands of Americans to give their time, resources, and energy to help people in the United States and around the world, aiding those facing natural disasters, donating and supplying blood, and serving our military families. During American Red Cross Month, we recognize and honor the lifesaving work of the dedicated employees and volunteers of the American Red Cross, as well as the remarkable kindness of the American people who give so generously to this organization; and

WHEREAS, each year, the American Red Cross provides care, relief, and comfort to Americans who are suffering from natural disasters. Through all of these disasters, thousands of American Red Cross volunteers mobilized to provide around-the-clock shelter for victims, work with government and community partners to serve millions of meals and snacks, and distribute other emergency supplies and relief items; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the American Red Cross has maintained a strong partnership with the brave men and women of our Armed Forces. Each day, the American Red Cross serves military personnel and veterans by providing 24/7 global emergency communication services and support in healthcare facilities across the country and around the globe. Since 2001, the American Red Cross has served more than one million military families, helping them cope with the challenges of deployment and supporting combat veterans as they return and transition back into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, President Herbert Hoover said: “The greater glory of the Red Cross belongs to the people themselves. It is a living embodiment of their heart and soul.” This month, we acknowledge the indispensable value of the American Red Cross, the numerous ways in which the organization’s endeavors enhance the well-being of Americans and others worldwide, and the generosity of all those who support its important mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DANIELLE DIPAOLA, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, on behalf of the Governing Body and citizens of the Borough of Emerson, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as American Red Cross Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle DiPaola", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Danielle DiPaola