



## **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, 2023 A Proclamation**

During American Red Cross Month in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of ISLE OF PALMS and reaffirm our commitment to helping ensure no one faces a crisis alone.

Caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of ISLE OF PALMS, 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.

In the Lowcountry, local families have relied on the Red Cross of South Carolina volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with a pandemic, home fires, tornadoes, floods, and storms. Last year, over 630 active volunteers served in local communities, deployed to local disasters, and responded in person and virtually to national disasters like hurricanes and wildfires. Volunteers also helped more than 1,400 people affected by over 360 home fires in the Lowcountry by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging, and recovery support.

Red Cross of South Carolina volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in South Carolina, the Red Cross provided nearly 12,400 case services to U.S. service members, veterans, and their families; collected more than 71,200 units of lifesaving blood; and trained more than 62,000 people in lifesaving skills like First Aid and CPR.

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.

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 PROCLAIMED on this day, February 28, 2023, that the Mayor and City Council of Isle of Palms, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of the CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS and STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Red Cross Month.

  
PHILLIP POUNDS, MAYOR



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NICOLE DENEANE, CITY CLERK