



## City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina Proclamation 2024-03 Proclaim March 2024 as Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Isle of Palms and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton — one of the most honored women in our country's history — who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the challenges to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, the Lowcountry Chapter of the Red Cross of South Carolina responded to more than 380 local disasters, including home fires--assisting 1,400 people by distributing more than \$270,000 in direct financial assistance following local disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Lowcountry Chapter made more than 1,900 homes safer through educational visits and served more than 3,000 active-duty military, veterans, and their families through emergency communications and critical needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Isle of Palms City Council hereby proclaim this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, by virtue of the authority vested on the Isle of Palms City Council by the laws of the City of Isle of Palms and South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Isle of Palms to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina.

Mayor Mayor ATTEST: A John City Clerk