

## AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2013

### A Proclamation

March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need.

We would like to remember those who help all of us here in the City of Isle Of Palms by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes – our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need.

In the Lowcountry, the Red Cross works tirelessly to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. In our region, 1,171 individuals have been assisted after a disaster, we have distributed 36,090 units of blood to local hospitals and 19,996 people have been trained in lifesaving skills. The American Red Cross provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families; 2,688 military cases in our local region alone. All of this was able to be performed with a ratio of 1 staff member to 178 volunteers and 91 cents of every dollar donated is invested back into the community.

Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard F. Cronin, Mayor of the City of Isle Of Palms, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the City of Isle Of Palms and the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim March 2013 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

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

  
Richard F. Cronin, Mayor