

# PROCLAMATION

## AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, March 2022

In times of crisis, people in Orange County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Orange County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially, or learn vital life-saving skills through the Red Cross.

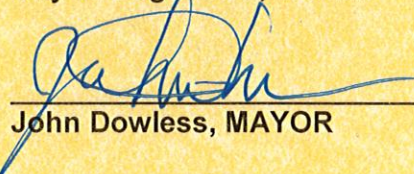
In Orange County, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to those in their darkest hours — whether it's providing emergency shelter, food, comfort and resources for families devastated by local disasters like home fires, supporting service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life; providing preparedness and safety education to our children, adults and organizations, thus strengthening our community's resilience, helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid.

Their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who lived by her words, "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it." We ask others to join in this commitment to give back in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Dowless, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Edgewood, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens of Orange County to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the City of Edgewood, Florida.

City of Edgewood, Florida



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John Dowless, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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Sandra Riffle, Interim City Clerk