



## PROCLAMATION

### American Red Cross Month 2026

**WHEREAS**, in March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make its humanitarian mission possible in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, today, those who serve with the emergency disaster response for local fires and hurricanes, blood donor services, and safety training light the way during emergencies — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving blood supply for patients facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. Here in Orange County this past year the Red Cross collected 3,765 units of blood and blood products at 129 blood drives; trained 1,761 individuals in First Aid, CPR & AED; assisted 46 military members, veterans and their families; installed 56 smoke alarms making nearly 30 homes safer; assisted 23 people after home fires; and provided shelter, food and support after Tropical Storm Chantal flooded nearby areas in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. As we mark Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up, so no one faces an emergency alone;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Bell, mayor of the Town of Hillsborough, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in the Town of Hillsborough and I encourage all residents to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 23rd day of March in the year 2026.

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Mark Bell, Mayor  
Town of Hillsborough