## Proclamation

## American Red Cross Month March 2023

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies in Hendersonville, North Carolina and across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Chapter serving Western North Carolina Chapter has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible; and

**WHEREAS**, last year in Western North Carolina, 223 active volunteers, helped 200 households affected by 181 local disasters; trained 8,289 people in First Aid, CPR & AED, babysitting and other lifesaving skills; collected more than 23,871 units of blood; and served 454 military members, veterans, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Hendersonville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2023, as Red Cross Month. We dedicate the month of March to all those who support its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

**PROCLAIMED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2023.

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Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor

City of Hendersonville