A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2022, AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in the City of Norman come together to care for one another and this humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of the community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating peoples' suffering and more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers in the City of Norman who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours; whether it is providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like house fires, severe storms and floods; donating essential blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients; or those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the American Red Cross also serves as the bridge between more than generous blood donors and millions of patients in need each year, delivering a wide range of high quality blood products and blood donor and patient testing services; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the American Red Cross supports service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life, helping to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR, and other skills or delivering international humanitarian aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2021, as American Red Cross Month in the City of Norman and encourage all Americans to support this organization's noble humanitarian mission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:	Mayor
City Clerk	