



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in Tupelo, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, here in Tupelo, local families have relied on **North Mississippi Chapter volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with** tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and home fires. Last year, about 15 North Mississippi volunteers deployed either in person or virtually, to assist with the record number of hurricanes that impacted the gulf coast. Volunteers also helped 85 people affected by 22 home fires in Tupelo by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Shelton, Mayor of Tupelo, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Tupelo, and the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

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in the City of Tupelo and I encourage all citizens to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk