

RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 76

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE AMERICAN RED
CROSS AND DESIGNATING MARCH 2018 AS
'AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.'

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts. Through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas. In addition the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The American Red Cross New Jersey Region responded to more than 820 local disasters last year, assisting nearly 1,900 New Jersey families who were displaced by home fires. They installed 10,600 free smoke alarms and reached thousands with fire safety information through the Home Fire Campaign. In New Jersey, the Red Cross provides an average of 4,000 military family case services every year and collects an average of 90,000 units of blood from generous blood donors; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. It collects about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council commends and thanks the American Red Cross and its many volunteers for all their good work and designates the month of March 2018 as 'American Red Cross Month.'

Adopted:

Council President

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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