

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 90

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND DESIGNATING MARCH 2019 AS 'RED CROSS MONTH.'

WHEREAS, more than 137 years ago, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven fundamental principles – including humanity, impartiality and independence – to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status. Today, the American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world and delivers its mission every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, every year, the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from small home fires to devastating massive disasters. Last year's large crises included mudslides in California, a volcano in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and California, destructive hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and a devastating typhoon in U.S. territories. Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provided around-the-clock shelter for disaster victims, served millions of meals and snacks with partners, and distributed millions of relief items; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The Red Cross New Jersey Region assisted with 902 local disasters in the past year alone and helped save lives through our Home Fire Campaign. Since the campaign launched in October 2014, the New Jersey Region has worked with community partners to install more than 31,761 smoke alarms. Meanwhile, in our area, the Red Cross handles an average of 5,100 emergency military calls every year and collects an average of 95,000 units of blood from our generous blood donors; and

WHEREAS, it's fitting to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help our communities. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council commends and thanks the American Red Cross and its many volunteers and donors for all their good work, and designates the month of March 2019 as 'Red Cross Month.'

Adopted:

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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