

TOWNSHIP of ROCKAWAY
PROCLAMATION
DEDICATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

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.

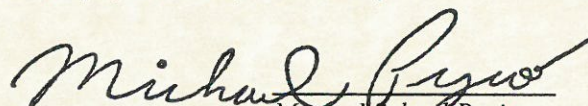
In New Jersey, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The Red Cross New Jersey Region assisted with 902 local disasters in the past year alone and helped save lives through our Home Fire Campaign. Since the campaign launched in October 2014, the New Jersey Region has worked 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.

March is Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in New Jersey who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Puzio, Mayor of the Township of Rockaway, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Rockaway and New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Township of Rockaway, New Jersey.


Mayor Michael Puzio
March 2019

