



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, The Red Cross of Alabama has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign providing lifesaving blood teaching skills that save lives and supporting military, veterans, and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, last year in Alabama, 2,891 local volunteers selflessly donated their time and skills to comfort people and to teach life-saving preparedness education; and*

*WHEREAS, volunteers helped more than 2,000 people affected by local disasters in Alabama by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging, and providing recovery support; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2019, the Red Cross of Alabama helped families recover from 2,532 local disasters, including home fires, tornadoes, trained 29,122 certified people in First Aid, CPR and other lifesaving skills, and collected more than 49,800 units of blood from volunteer blood donors; and*

*WHEREAS, when large disasters like Midwest tornadoes and floods devastated families in other parts of the country last year, 102 volunteers from Alabama were among the nearly 9,000 Red Cross workers — 90 percent of them volunteers — who left their homes to work alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items, emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance; and*

*WHEREAS, every day, people in Alabama depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2020, as*

# Red Cross Month

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor