

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2024

WHEREAS during American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in City of Charlottesville and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment as they step up through the American Red Cross, Central Virginia Chapter to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours, more than 100 local Red Cross volunteers provided 24 Charlottesville families with shelter, food, and comfort after a home fire; helped collect and process more than 8,000 blood donations for hospital patients; supported dozens of military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; and helped save lives through providing nearly 7,000 Charlottesville residents with first aid, CPR and other skills training; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, has been doing so for more than 140 years, and we recognize this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, proclaims March 2024 as American Red Cross Month, and encourage all citizens to join in its noble humanitarian efforts to strengthen our community.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of March 2024.

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**Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor**

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**Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council**