

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2025

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

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people and has been doing so for more than 140 years; 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 selfless contributions volunteers make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours; in 2024 more than 91 local Red Cross volunteers provided 16 Charlottesville families (33 individuals) with shelter, food, and comfort after a home fire; hosted 306 blood drives, collecting more than 14,000 units of lifesaving blood products; provided 40 support services to aid military families through the unique challenges of service; provided 2,597 local individuals with First Aid, CPR, AED and other lifesaving training classes; trained 146 students in disaster preparedness; and installed 69 smoke alarms in 29 homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council recognizes March 2025 as American Red Cross Month, and we encourage all community members to join in its noble humanitarian efforts to strengthen and uplift our community.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of March 2025.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk