

**American Red Cross Month
March 2022**

Proclamation

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank volunteers - our Everyday Heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need.

American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines everyday even during a pandemic. They volunteer their time, enhance skills, give blood or provide financial donations to help those in need. Ninety percent of the American Red Cross workforce are volunteers.

The American Red Cross has been dedicated to serving people in need since our founding by Clara Barton over 140 years ago on May 21, 1881. The Hill Country Chapter was first chartered in December 1917 as World War 1 was nearing the end (Nov. 1918).

Around the world, across the country and here in the Hill Country, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires and home fires.

When an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there.


During February 2021 Texas was hit with a devastating and deadly winter blast, with the Hill Country being hit the hardest. Last year, we had nine days of winter warnings. The Texas electrical grid failed in most of the state. This failure placed most homes into the cold with no power for light, heat, or water.

The storm introduced a host of challenges in addition to the widespread electrical outages disaster responders were faced with impassable road systems, frozen water and fuel shortages. Our responders were required to innovate. We supported the life-saving warming centers set up by government agencies and community partners with supplies and logistical assistance such as 3,356 cots, 465 blankets, 300 comfort kits, 2,000 shelf stable meals, 45 pallets of water and 500 clean-up kits.

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 donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Rachel Lumpee, City of Blanco, Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Signed this 8th day of March 2022



Mayor Rachel Lumpee, City of Blanco, Texas

