

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Red Cross has been at the forefront of the efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters with caring volunteers who freely give their time and talent to relieve the distress of others; and

WHEREAS, the residents of South Carolina contribute personal resources, blood, and time, providing immediate relief to victims of local disasters, saving the lives of friends, neighbors, and strangers, and volunteering time and energy to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, in the last year alone, Red Cross chapters across the Palmetto State responded to 2,358 local emergency operations, assisted 12,683 military families, and provided lifesaving skills training such as CPR and first aid to 133,675 people; and

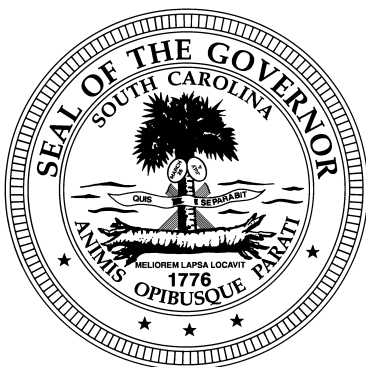
WHEREAS, with nearly 15,000 South Carolina volunteers and donors, the American Red Cross provides valuable tools and education to individuals, families, workplaces, and schools, helping make our communities stronger and more resilient; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is dedicated to meeting the needs of the public by fostering volunteers who are professional, prepared and committed to continuing the tradition of providing outstanding service delivery to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the Red Cross and recognize its contributions to making our state and nation stronger, safer and healthier.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA