

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

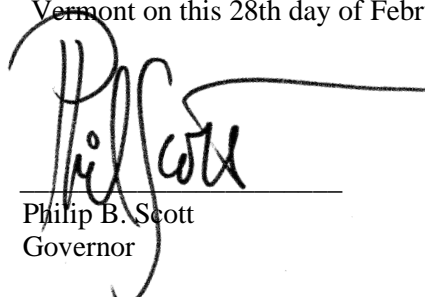
- WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in Vermont, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross aspires to turn compassion into action, and Vermonters - American Red Cross volunteers - help each other when we are in need; and
- WHEREAS,** during these trying times, Vermonters in supporting the American Red Cross have helped our neighbors get back on their feet after devastating home fires, assist communities across the country face record-breaking hurricanes, floods and wildfires, and rolled up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and
- WHEREAS,** thanks to the American Red Cross's statewide community of volunteers and partners, people in Vermont facing a disaster can meet their basic emergency needs, including having access to safe shelter, food, and critical health and mental health services, for free, day or night; and
- WHEREAS,** because of the American Red Cross's work, children and youths in Vermont know how to prepare for and stay safe during a disaster, people have working smoke alarms and emergency escape plans and there are always trained individuals nearby ready to use their skills to save lives; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the American Red Cross's efforts and local communities hosting blood drives and donating life-saving blood, anyone can access blood and blood products, and we have a blood supply that helped to extend or save lives; and
- WHEREAS,** military personnel, veterans and their families, have access to global emergency communication services and the support they need to cope with deployments and reintegrating back into the community because of the American Red Cross; and
- WHEREAS,** Red Cross Restoring Family Links help reconnect families separated by international crises such as armed conflict, international disasters and migration; and
- WHEREAS,** 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, this month of March is dedicated to all of those who continue to advance her noble legacy and ask others to join in the commitment to care for people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2022 as

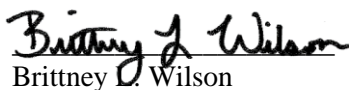
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs