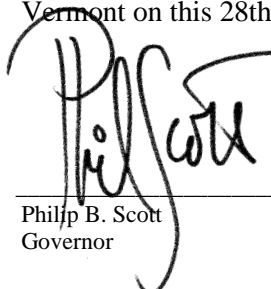


**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**


- 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 and their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 142-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering in the face of emergencies; 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,** 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
- 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 healthy and plentiful blood supply that helps 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,** this life saving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience, this month of March is dedicated to all of those who continue to advance the noble legacy of the American Red Cross and ask others to join in the commitment to care for people in need.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2023 as

**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. 2023.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs