



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize*

and honor significant occasions; and

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 Central Ohio, 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: during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS: in Central Ohio, local families have relied on Greater Columbus Chapter volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with COVID-19, single family house fires, tornados, floods and other emergencies. Last year, 1000 Greater Columbus Chapter humanitarians trained locally and deployed nationally to support operations across the country while ensuring high standards of disaster preparedness and readiness in their own communities. Volunteers also helped 488 people affected by 353 home fires in Greater Columbus by addressing their urgent needs like food, lodging and recovery support; and

WHEREAS: Greater Columbus Chapter volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year in Central Ohio the Red Cross collected more than 143,000 units of blood, taught over 20,000 CPR/AED/First Aid, aquatics and babysitting classes, connected 850 Service to the Armed Forces critical communication cases, and installed nearly 1000 smoke alarms making homes safer; and

WHEREAS: this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for the people in need.

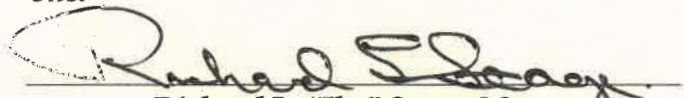
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard L "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City, do hereby claim March 2021 as:

"RED CROSS MONTH"

in Grove City and encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-one.


Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor