

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role in our state, providing help and hope, in the face of emergencies and disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American people;

WHEREAS, for nearly one hundred (100) years, United States Presidents have called upon people to support the American Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first to proclaim March as Red Cross Month in 1943. Since that time, every president has issued proclamations designating March as Red Cross Month;

WHEREAS, the Red Cross has been helping people for one hundred thirty (130) years, responding to disasters and assisting members of the military, teaching lifesaving skills, and serving as one of the largest blood suppliers in the United States;

WHEREAS, nationally, the Red Cross responds to an average of nearly two hundred (200) disasters every day. The organization provides a round-the-clock link between those in the military and their families, and supplies blood and blood products to approximately three thousand (3,000) hospitals and transfusion centers across the country;

WHEREAS, the Charleston, South Carolina Region, including the Palmetto Service Center, provided assistance to one thousand ninety-seven (1,097) individuals affected by disasters last year. The Region processed two thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (2,899) Military Case Services, provided five thousand six hundred eighty-three (5,683) "Get to Know Us" outreach to Service Members and their families, and conducted two thousand six hundred fifty-nine (2,659) first aid and water safety classes;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, March 22, 2011, that the City of Isle of Palms joins in honoring March as Red Cross Month. Our state depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times for the Red Cross and all Americans.



Dick Cronin, Mayor

