

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a vital role in Vermont by preventing and alleviating suffering in the face of disaster and reflects the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American People; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, through its corps of dedicated staff and volunteers, is present in communities across Vermont, providing essential services including blood drives, CPR classes, and aid to military families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and the American Red Cross plays a vital role in meeting this need by providing approximately 40% of the nation's blood supply; and

WHEREAS, last year, over 21,000 people in our region received American Red Cross training, empowering them to become proactive in the face of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters understand that the Red Cross and its volunteers need the support of the community to remain vital and ready to meet the challenges that lie ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to give their time and donations of blood to support the valuable services this organization provides.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs