

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time; give blood; take life-saving courses; provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families; or provide financial donations to help their neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, when an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; 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, 2014 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to give of themselves to support the valuable services this organization provides.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27 day of March, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

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