

**RED CROSS MONTH**  
**MARCH 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross, the humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies in Buncombe County, across the United States and around the world, and;

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross Chapter serving Western North Carolina has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans, and their families, and;

**WHEREAS**, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the first three months following the devastation of Hurricane Helene, the American Red Cross and our partners provided more than 3.3 million meals and snacks and nearly 56,500 overnight shelter stays, and reached an estimated 464,200 people with disaster relief and recovery services, the vast majority of which were in North Carolina, and;

**WHEREAS**, last fiscal year in Western North Carolina, 186 active volunteers assisted 549 people affected by 194 local disasters, most home fires; trained 8,647 people in First Aid, CPR & AED, swimming and preparedness; collected 24,675 units of blood; and provided 520 emergency services to military members, veterans, and their families, and;

**WHEREAS**, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim **March, 2025** as **Red Cross Month** in Buncombe County and encourage all to recognize the daily efforts and contributions made by the American Red Cross in our community and across the nation in its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



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Amanda Edwards, Chair  
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners