PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross Month March 2022

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank volunteers-our Everyday Heroes—those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need. American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines everyday even during a pandemic or natural disaster. They volunteer their time, enhance skills, give blood or provide financial donations to help those in need.

Llano is one of the counties within the Hill Country Chapter which was chartered in 1917, we would like to remember our heroes who give their time and skills to help people in need. They work tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. They install free smoke alarms. They provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans, and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, fire prevention, aquatics safety and first aid.

During February 2021 Texas was hit with a devastating and deadly winter blast, with the Hill Country being hit the hardest. Last year, we had nine days of winter warnings. The Texas electrical grid failed in most of the state. This failure placed most homes into the cold with no power for light, heat, or water.

The storm introduced a host of challenges in addition to the widespread electrical outages disaster responders were faced with impassable road systems, frozen water and fuel shortages. Our responders were required to innovate. We supported the life-saving warming centers set up by government agencies and community partners with supplies and logistical assistance such as 3356 cots, 465 blankets,300 comfort kits, 2,000 shelf stable meals, 45 pallets of water and 500 clean-up kits.

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.

Now, therefore, I, Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Signed this 14th day of February, 2022.

Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge

Peter Jones, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Attest:

Marci Hadeler, County Clerk