American Red Cross Month March 2021 Proclamation

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.

Over this past year 2020, Red Cross has adapted our service delivery to protect the health and safety of our clients and volunteers. Our Disaster Assistance Volunteers have attended training to increase their technological skills to support this effort. In 2020, the American Red Cross installed 18 smoke alarms, making 6 homes safer in Llano County. Three of these were homes of seniors and one home of a veteran/military family. In addition, the American Red Cross opened twelve cases as a result of home fires, serving twenty-seven people and providing \$8,180 in financial support.

In the first nine weeks of 2021, the American Red Cross has responded to two home fires serving 5 persons with financial assistance of \$1,655. In addition Llano County accessed 80 cots, 100 blankets 32 comfort kits and three pallets of canned water during the recent ice storms. These supplies were pre-staged in Llano County during 2019 and will be replenished in the near future to assist Llano County with disaster preparation should another disaster occur. Around the world, across the country and in our community, the American Red Cross responds to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires and most often home fires.

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 has partnered and benefited from this partnership with the American Red Cross.

Now, therefore, I, Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Signed this 22 day of March, 2021.

Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge

Peter Janes, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Marci Hadeler, County Clerk