

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross and more than 140 years later, the Red Cross continues to carry out her life-saving legacy; and

**WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and staff who prevent and alleviate people's suffering in the face of emergencies and whose humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, the contributions of local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours – whether it is providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters like home fires, the Mana Road wildfire, and the flooding caused by the Kona Low storm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cross is a non-profit humanitarian organization which provides assistance to meet the immediate emergency needs of those affected by disasters;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## "American Red Cross Month"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the important roles and selfless acts of Red Cross volunteers in our community, and honor the everyday heroes who carry out the humanitarian work of the Red Cross.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i