The State of New Hampshire By His Excellency Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

RED CROSS MONTH MARCH 2021

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in New Hampshire, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire residents made over 60,000 blood donations to the Red Cross in New Hampshire, ensuring life saving blood is available throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, here in New Hampshire, local families have relied on New Hampshire Chapter Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with disasters large and small, and Red Cross volunteers have helped change and save lives across the state in all 10 counties; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder, Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, and we ask others to join in the commitment to care for people in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2021 as RED CROSS MONTH in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 17th day of February, 2021.

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor