



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of American Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross reminds us the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881 and is one of the oldest humanitarian organizations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross traces the work of the American Red Cross in Hawai'i to as early as 1898, when Princess Ka'iulani and 300 other women organized a Red Cross society to aid sick and wounded soldiers en route from the Philippines during the Spanish-American War; and the Hawai'i Red Cross State Chapter was chartered in 1917, when Queen Lili'uokalani became a member; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross has assisted victims of every major disaster, including the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Hilo Tsunami, Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki, shootings, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, landslides, transportation crashes, and hostage situations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross is on call 24/7, 365 days a year and responds to disasters statewide approximately every four days, providing food, clothing, shelter, crisis counseling and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross teaches lifesaving skills such as CPR, First Aid, Aquatics, Babysitting, Pet First Aid, and Nurse Aide training to more than 20,000 people per year; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross administers the entire volunteer program at Tripler Army Medical Center with hundreds of volunteers, including therapy dogs who provide comfort to patients and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Red Cross provides emergency communication between deployed military service members and their families in times of crisis, and international tracing for families torn by war or disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the long history of the American Red Cross and the Hawai'i Red Cross in assisting those left vulnerable in the islands during crises.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of February 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i