

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 2021 AS
NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization founded in 1881 and originally chartered by Congress as a federal instrumentality in 1900, but receives no federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000 disasters annually, and delivers vital services to members of the Armed Forces, their families, and Veterans at home and overseas, and provides lifesaving health and safety training to more than five million people in 2020; and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Red Cross Month across the nation and 2021 marks the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross and the 107th anniversary of Florida's first chartered Red Cross Chapter, established here in Northeast Florida in March 1914; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has repeatedly answered the call to assist Northeast Florida, beginning with the Yellow Fever epidemic of 1888, including support to American troops during the Spanish America War, and the Great Jacksonville Fire of 1901; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross provides its humanitarian services across thirteen counties in Northeast Florida and is the headquarters for the 35-county Red Cross North Florida Region, stretching from the First Coast across the entire breadth of the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Region and Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross in 2020 has helped more than 1,500 families affected by home fires or other disasters, including more than 55 disaster clients in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Region provided nearly 23,000 vital services to military members, veterans, and families, and deployed more than 500 of its 1,600 volunteers in response to hurricanes and other disasters; and

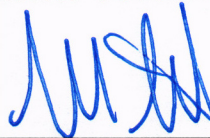
WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and its Northeast Florida Chapter have delivered these vital services without interruption and with scrupulous attention to client and volunteer safety throughout the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, and 90 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to mission service delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 22nd day of February, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

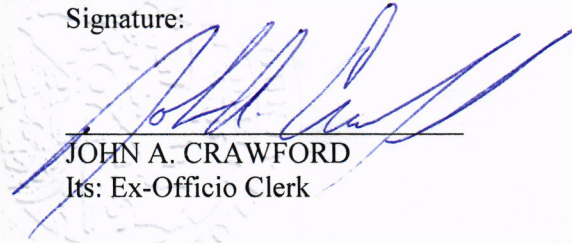
1. March 2021 is hereby proclaimed as National Red Cross Month in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board hereby commends the American Red Cross volunteers and paid staff of the North Florida Region for their continuing humanitarian service to Nassau County and the State of Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



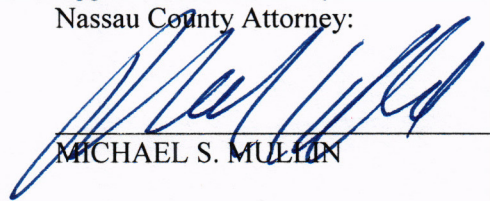
THOMAS R. FORD
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN