

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 60,000 disasters annually, and delivers vital services to members of the Armed Forces, their families, and Veterans at home and overseas, and provided lifesaving health and safety training to more than four million people in 2021; and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Red Cross Month across the nation and 2022 marks the 141st anniversary of the American Red Cross and the 108th 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 and including support to American troops during the Spanish American 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 helped more than 1,200 families affected by home fires or other disasters in 2021, including more than 40 disaster clients in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Region provided nearly 22,000 vital services to military members, veterans, and families, and deployed more than 200 of its 1,200 volunteers in response to hurricanes and other disasters; and

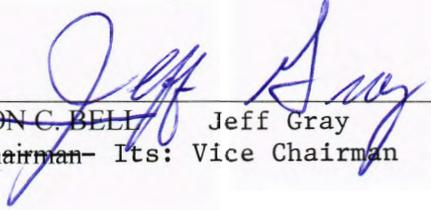
WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and its Northeast Florida Chapter have delivered these vital services without interruption and with scrupulous attention to client and volunteer safety throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, and 90 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to mission service delivery, ensuring that the organization is able to assist as many people as possible.

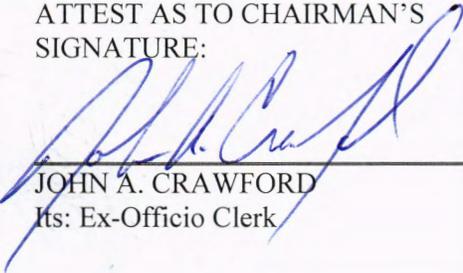
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 14th day of March 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board extends their sincere appreciation to the American Red Cross, specifically to the Northeast Florida Chapter for they do to serve residents here in Northeast Florida.
2. The Board commends the volunteers and paid staff of the Northeast Florida Chapter for their continuing humanitarian services to Nassau County and the State of Florida.
3. The Board extends their best wishes to the American Red Cross as they celebrate their 141st Anniversary and to the Northeast Florida Chapter on their 108th Anniversary.
4. The Board proclaims the month of March 2022 as National Red Cross Month in Nassau County.

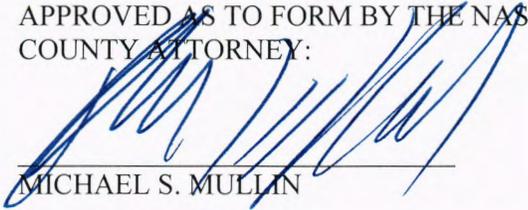
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FL


AARON C. BELL Jeff Gray
~~Its: Chairman~~ Its: Vice 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