

A PROCLAMATION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 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 65,000 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 five million people in 2023; and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Red Cross Month across the nation and 2024 marks the 143rd anniversary of the American Red Cross and the 110th 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 2023, including 16 families in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Region provided nearly 13,000 vital services to military members, veterans, and families, and deployed more than 200 of its 1,000 volunteers in response to hurricanes and other disasters in Florida and nationally; and

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

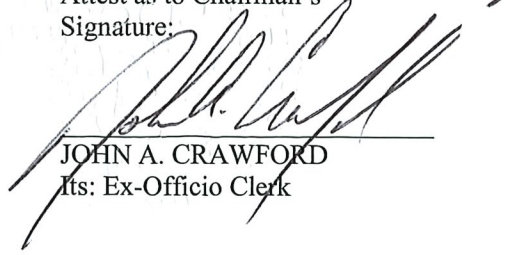
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2024, that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, hereby recognizes March as National Red Cross Month, the 143rd anniversary of the American Red Cross, and the 110th Anniversary of the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross and commend the 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



JOHN F. MARTIN
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



DENISE C. MAY