

*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization dedicated to the prevention and alleviation of human suffering through disaster relief and emergency response services; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1881, Red Cross volunteers have provided shelter, food, and other essential services to relieve the sufferings of families and communities and help people begin the process of rebuilding their lives; and

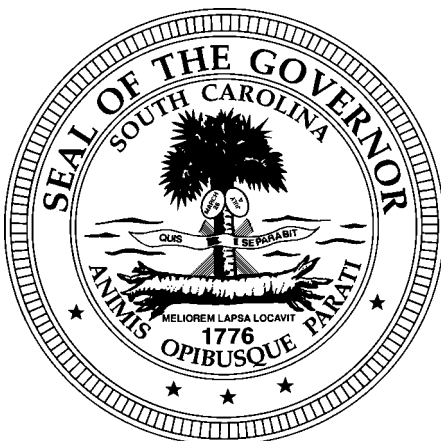
**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross provides services to hundreds of thousands of South Carolinians every year through Disaster Relief, Health and Safety Services, and Armed Forces Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Red Cross volunteers in South Carolina are committed to saving lives throughout the Palmetto State and around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2002, as

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the tireless efforts of Red Cross volunteers in promoting mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, and lasting peace among all peoples.



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