



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: For the past 130 years, the American Red Cross has worked to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. The American Red Cross was tested at home in 2011, responding to 137 large-scale domestic disasters across the United States in 46 states and territories; and

WHEREAS: Deadly tornadoes in the South, Midwest, and Northeast devastated communities, and wildfires consumed millions of acres. A large part of the country – nearly 20 states – were impacted by flooding, while Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee caused the need for relief operations in more than a dozen states, covering geography the size of Europe. At its peak, the Red Cross housed 27,000 displaced people in shelters; and

WHEREAS: The American Red Cross supplies almost half of the nation's blood, teaches lifesaving skills, provides international humanitarian aid, and supports military members and their families. Through the Red Cross, millions of Americans give time, money, and blood to help their neighbors down the street, across the country, and around the world; and

WHEREAS: Our nation depends on the American Red Cross, and the Red Cross depends on the American public to provide the support that enables the Red Cross to perform its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012 as:

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage all Minnesotans to support the organization and its noble mission, and to lend their time and talents to make our country and world a better place.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13th day of February.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE