

***PROCLAMATION***  
***American Red Cross Month***

*March 9, 2016*

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

**WHEREAS**, These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire, give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients, deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital, enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella, use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Lancaster County who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

**WHEREAS**, Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross collects 40 percent of the nation’s blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict and migration; and

**WHEREAS**, We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of March, 2016 as ----- **American Red Cross Month** -----in Lancaster County. We have a long history of helping our neighbors in need and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

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*Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman*

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*Joshua G. Parsons, Vice Chairman*

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*Craig E. Lehman*

**Board of Commissioners of  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**