

BRIEFING

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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MEETING DATE: MARCH 5, 2020 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 1

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS March is American Red Cross Month, a time when we recognize the humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies around the world;

WHEREAS the Piedmont Triad American Red Cross Chapter has a long history of helping neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its life saving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans, and their families, and during this Red Cross Month, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible;

WHEREAS Piedmont Triad Chapter volunteers in Forsyth County helped 439 people affected by 101 home fires in Forsyth County by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support last year, and 31 volunteers from Forsyth County were among the nearly 9,000 Red Cross workers who left their homes to work alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items, emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance;

WHEREAS the American Red Cross continues to work with its partners to prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign which installed its two-millionth free smoke alarm last year and has saved hundreds of lives across the country;

WHEREAS the Piedmont Triad Chapter and local partners have installed 292 free smoke alarms and made 96 households safer from the threat of home fires;

WHEREAS the American Red Cross collected 19,940 units of blood, trained 3,427 people life-saving skills in CPR, First Aid and AED training, and provided 528 emergency services to members of the Armed Forces and their families in Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS people in Forsyth County depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors, partnership of community organizations, and we dedicate the month of March to all those who support its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of March 2020 as American Red Cross Month in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2020.