

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2003.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman selflessly devoted to the needs of humanity; and

WHEREAS, compassion, courage, character, civic duty are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering and Seminole County shares these grand ideals; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Central Florida was established in 1917, eighty-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, the 3,384 Red Cross volunteers from Central Florida responded to 356 disasters, providing food, clothing, shelter, recovery planning, and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, work, school, and at play. Last year, the American Red Cross of Central Florida trained 19,084 people in lifesaving CPR, AED, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families; 1,685 cases were served in Central Florida last year; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the American people with this request: "...that during this month our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of March, 2003 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida and presented to the American Red Cross of Central Florida.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, A.D., 2003.

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners in and for the
County of Seminole, State of Florida

Daryl G. McLain, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____