## AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is made up of everyday heros who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County is full of American Red Cross heroes who are on the front lines every day volunteering their time; giving life-saving blood; providing round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teaching lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and
- WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires and terrible tragedies like the Boston Marathon bombing and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and
- WHEREAS, when an injured service member ends up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross is there to offer comfort; when a hospital patient needs blood, American Red Cross blood donors step in; when a lifeguard saves a drowning child or someone steps up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross is there; and
- WHEREAS, this Board feels that it would be appropriate to 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 PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That March of 2014 be proclaimed

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in Buncombe County.

- 2. That all Buncombe County citizens be urged to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.
- 3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY:\_\_\_\_\_ DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN