

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need.

WHEREAS, we would like to remember those who help all of us here in Sedgwick County by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes – our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, in Sedgwick County, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its 274 employees and more than 2,700 volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation’s blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March as

“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”

and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

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