

**COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

PROCLAMATION

March 7, 2017

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon has had a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those 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; they give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients; they deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital; they use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking and they enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. The heroes in the County of Hunterdon should be applauded as they give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across Hunterdon County and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. Every eight minutes the American Red Cross responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 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 or migration; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is dedicated 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 Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon that March 2017 is hereby declared as American Red Cross Month. The Board encourages all Hunterdon County residents to support this worthwhile organization and its noble humanitarian mission.



Freeholder Director John Lanza presented Bob Robitzski of the American Red Cross with the above Proclamation the Board adopted at their Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Board Meeting.

For more information about the American Red Cross visit their website at: www.redcross.org