



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 2/9/2021 Meeting Date: 3/4/2021

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

Division Manager's Signature:

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1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Proclamation No. 2021P-03 - Red Cross Month & 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021P-03

RED CROSS MONTH & 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization founded in 1881 and originally chartered by Congress as a federal instrumentality in 1900, but receives no federal funding, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000 disasters annually, and delivers vital services to members of the Armed Forces, their families, and Veterans at home and overseas, and provides lifesaving health and safety training to more than five million people in 2020, and

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Red Cross Month across the nation and 2021 marks the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross and the 104th anniversary of Capital Area Chapter established here in Big Bend Area in May 1917, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has repeatedly answered the call to respond to emergencies in the Big Bend Area beginning with the Yellow Fever epidemic of 1888, including support to American troops during the Spanish America War and the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1918, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross provides its humanitarian services across twelve counties in Big Bend Area and is a part of the Red Cross North Florida Region stretching from the First Coast across the entire breadth of the Florida Panhandle, and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Region and Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in 2020 has helped more than 1,500 families affected by home fires or other disasters, including 76 residents of Columbia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Red Cross Region provided 23,000 vital services to military members, veterans, and families, and deployed more than 500 of its 1,600 volunteers in response to hurricanes and other disasters in Florida and nationally, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and its Capital Area Chapter have delivered these vital services without interruption and with scrupulous attention to client and volunteer safety throughout the COVID-19 epidemic, and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross disaster aid is free, and 90 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to mission service delivery, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners that we recognize March 2021 is National Red Cross Month, the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross, and the 104th Anniversary of the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and commend the volunteers and paid staff of the North Florida Region for their continuing humanitarian service to Columbia County and to the State of Florida.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

James, M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk of Courts

By: _____
Rocky D. Ford, Chairman

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