



PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Mid-Florida Chapter has been serving the Ten County Region since 1917; and

WHEREAS, the American National Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, with the mission of providing relief to victims of disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, last year American Red Cross helped 77 families with food, clothing, shelter, medications, recovery planning, and mental health support in response to more than 240 single and multi-family fires and other local disasters; and

WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross trained 7,899 people in lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and water safety; and

WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross helped more than 1,011 local military families during emergencies, delivering urgent communications to deployed U.S. Armed Forces members and providing counseling and other social services; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross serves our community 365 days a year thanks to the support of trained volunteers and generous individuals, companies and foundations that make financial donations to the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIMS:

The month of March 2012, as “American Red Cross Month”

AND ENCOURAGES ALL AMERICANS TO SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS NOBLE HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 13th day of March 2012, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breeden
Chairman