PROCLAMATION
American Red Cross Month
March 2019

WHEREAS, more than 137 year ago, the American Red Cross was established as a humanitarian organization, guided by the fundamental principles of humanity, impartiality, and independence, to provide services to those in need regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, today, the American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, and delivers its mission every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, every year, the American Red Cross responds to more than 62,000 disasters across the country, including mudslides, volcanos, wildfires, hurricanes, and typhoons; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American Red Cross volunteers provide shelter, meals, and relief items around the clock to victims of disaster; and

WHEREAS, in Elizabeth City, the Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of the Red Cross has assisted with 19 local disasters in the past year; and

WHEREAS, March is Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help members of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bettie J. Parker, Mayor of Elizabeth City, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as American Red Cross Month, and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

PROCLAIMED this 25th day of February 2019.

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Bettie J. Parker
Mayor

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April D. Onley
Interim City Clerk