Resolution

ORDER NO. 2026-0259

DATE: March 3, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3rd day of March, 2026 on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

The National American Red Cross Month, 2026

WHEREAS, In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the month of March as National American Red Cross Month, and each President since has issued a proclamation recognizing the humanitarian service of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Founded more than 140 years ago by Clara Barton, the American Red Cross remains dedicated to preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; and

WHEREAS, Today, volunteers comprise approximately 90 percent of the Red Cross workforce, demonstrating the vital role community members play in delivering disaster relief, collecting and distributing lifesaving blood, supporting military members and their families, and providing preparedness education, health and safety training such as CPR, First Aid, AED, and water safety instruction; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross North Texas Region serves more than 11 million people across 121 counties and, in the last fiscal year, responded to 2,289 disasters — including 2,193 home fires — assisting 8,841 individuals and families in their recovery; and

WHEREAS, During that same period, the North Texas Region collected 40,258 units of blood through 1,678 blood drives, welcomed 15,898 first-time blood donors, installed 2,929 free smoke alarms to help prevent fire-related tragedies, enrolled 39,712 individuals in lifesaving training courses, and provided more than 15,000 services to military members, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, As disasters across the nation grow in frequency and intensity, the American Red Cross continues to respond at an unprecedented pace, delivering more than $130 million in direct financial assistance to families impacted by major disasters nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross partners with agencies and organizations throughout Dallas County, including Dallas Fire-Rescue and Parkland Health, ensuring trauma patients and families in crisis receive critical support when it matters most; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes and expresses its sincere gratitude to the dedicated volunteers, employees, blood donors, and supporters whose compassion and commitment make this lifesaving mission possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim March 2026 as **American Red Cross Month** in Dallas County and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, faith-based institutions, and community organizations to support the American Red Cross by volunteering, donating blood, contributing resources, and preparing themselves and their families for emergencies.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 3rd day of March, 2026

Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1

Andrew Sommerman
Commissioner, District 2

John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4