



DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make its humanitarian mission possible in Desoto County. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross.

Whereas, in 2025, Red Cross volunteers responded to 9 fires in DeSoto County. They opened 12 cases because of these fires and assisted 20 individuals with comfort kits, referrals to other agencies, mental health services, health services and over \$7,900 in cash assistance. In addition, our volunteers educated 83 DeSoto residents on preparedness topics.

Whereas, today, those who serve with the Mid-Florida Chapter light the way during emergencies — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving blood supply for patients facing conditions like cancer treatments, childbirth complications and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives.

Whereas, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up, so no one faces an emergency alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, recognize the month of March 2026 as:

“American Red Cross Month”

Passed and duly adopted on this 10th day of March, 2026 by the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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County Administrator

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