



**American  
Red Cross**

Tippecanoe County Chapter

### **March is Red Cross Month 2012 A Proclamation**

The American Red Cross has touched many lives in Tippecanoe County, as well as across the country and around the world.

During American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world.

The American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery.

In Tippecanoe County, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its 5 employees and 150+ volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid.

For nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times – which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Dennis, Mayor of West Lafayette, Indiana by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of West Lafayette, Indiana do hereby proclaim March 2012 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the city of West Lafayette, Indiana.

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John R. Dennis, Mayor  
City of West Lafayette

