

A Proclamation
Of the Mayor of the City of Corunna, Michigan
Recognizing

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman devoted to the needs of humanity. Many of the Red Cross' guiding principles-compassion, courage, character, and civic duty-are ideals shared by the people of the United States. In times of need, the American Red Cross serves our Nation and the world by providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local, national, or international disasters. Every day, millions of Red Cross volunteers and employees follow in Clara Barton's footsteps by providing essential services to people in their communities, and;
- WHEREAS, For more than 120 years, Americans have relied on the expertise of the American Red Cross in disaster relief. The American Red Cross is also instrumental in saving lives before tragedy strikes by helping individuals and entire communities learn to prepare for disasters, and;
- WHEREAS, The American Red Cross distributes educational information to help people feel safe at home, at work, at school, and at play. The Red Cross has trained many people in lifesaving CPR and first aid, in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDS), on HIV/AIDS education, and in lifeguarding and water safety. Many people also know about the Red Cross because of the organization's blood collection drives.
- WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is entrusted to deliver emergency messages and provide vital services for military members and their families. Staff members deploy with our Armed Forces to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Mayor of Corunna does hereby proclaim March, 2003, as American Red Cross Month in the City of Corunna, Michigan and encourage all citizens to support the American Red Cross through donations or as volunteers.

Proclaimed this 17th Day of March, 2003.

Stephen E. Corey, Mayor

Yvonne F. Long, City Clerk