

AMERICAN RED CROSS PROCLAMATION
RED CROSS MONTH ~ MARCH 2009

WHEREAS, the mission of the American Red Cross is more relevant than ever as we confront a changing America full of unique challenges;

WHEREAS, through a collaborative effort with local governments and other members of the emergency planning community, the Great Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross and its partners are better able to serve the community. The Red Cross continues to lead the way in empowering individuals and families to protect themselves through CPR, First Aid, and disaster preparedness training;

WHEREAS, for more than 91 years, the American Red Cross has honored its mission to provide relief to victims of disasters while helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Every day volunteers from across the region help our neighbors by responding to disasters such as house fires, or flooding; by becoming instructors in CPR and first Aid, and encouraging their friends, and families to become trained; by giving blood every 52 days; and by assisting in the Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces program, which keeps military families connected in times of great personal sorrow and joy;

WHEREAS, on behalf of a grateful Town of New Durham, the Board of Selectmen applaud and recognize the selfless dedication of generations of "Red Crossers."

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as "American Red Cross Month", we call upon all our citizens of New Durham, NH to become partners in preparedness with their local Red Cross Chapter, and to become active participants in advancing the noble mission of the Red Cross

Peter C. Rhoades, Chairman

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