

WHEREAS, *the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman selflessly devoted to the needs of humanity; and*

WHEREAS, *chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, the Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and*

WHEREAS, *the American Red Cross of Central Florida was established in 1917; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 900 Red Cross volunteers from Central Florida responded to 625 local disasters and numerous national disasters last year—providing food, clothing, shelter, medications, recovery planning, and mental health support; and*

WHEREAS, *people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school, and at play; and*

WHEREAS, *last year the American Red Cross of Central Florida trained 19,860 people in lifesaving CPR, in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDS), first aid, and aquatic lifesaving procedures; and*

WHEREAS, *American Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families; and*

WHEREAS, *in March of 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the American people to rededicate themselves to the aims and activities of the Red Cross;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER, *Mayor of the City of Orlando, do hereby Proclaim the month of March 2014 as*

“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this XX^h day of February 2013.*