City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Sumter Community as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years, and 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, in Sumter County, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its 1 employee and 100 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; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, Presidents of the United States 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, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim the **MONTH OF MARCH 2012** as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"
in the
CITY OF SUMTER

and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk