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RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT CITY HALL FLAG RAISING

March Declared “Red Cross Month” In the City of Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Leadership and volunteers from the American Red Cross Central New York Region were at City Hall on Monday to be honored during a flag raising ceremony. A proclamation was issued declaring March “Red Cross Month” in the City of Syracuse.

“Syracuse is proud to honor these volunteers and honor their work in the community,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “The men and women of the American Red Cross are always there when Syracuse needs them.”

“As we celebrate March is Red Cross Month, we would like to thank the residents of Syracuse and city officials for their generosity and support of the Red Cross mission,” said **Rosie Taravella**, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Central New York Region. “We are proud to have a meaningful relationship with Mayor Miner, Fire Chief Paul Linnertz, Bureau of Research Director Janet Burke and other city officials as we partner to make Syracuse a safer and more resilient city.”

March was first proclaimed as Red Cross Month 72 years ago by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Since 1943, every president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize the Red Cross mission of helping people in need.

In Central New York, American Red Cross services include preparing the public for disasters, responding to disasters, offering health and safety classes, hosting blood drives, and providing emergency communications and assistance for members of the Armed Forces and their families. From July 2014 through January 2015, the Red Cross provided more than \$101,000 to 547 people from 143 families impacted by fires and other emergencies in Central New York.



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Below is the text of the proclamation:

WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time, give blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to help those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Red Cross heroes in Syracuse give to help people in need every day, working tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand, providing round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and,

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has been on the front line of public service across the country and around the world, responding to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, most recently at the Boston Marathon tragedy and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and,

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is always there for those in need, whether it is an injured service member far from home, a hospital patient needing blood, a lifeguard saving a drowning child, or a CPR trained Good Samaritan stepping up to save a heart attack victim; and,

WHEREAS, We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies and recognize that our community depends on the American Red Cross.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHANIE A. MINER, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the MONTH OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN to be

*RED CROSS MONTH
In the City of Syracuse*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this SECOND DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN

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