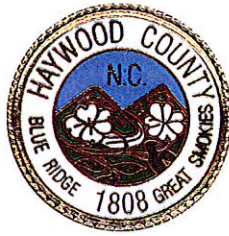


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**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING JULY, 2017 AS
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross serving Haywood County is celebrating 100 years of service; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Haywood County as it organizes caring members of the community to donate their time, talent, money, and blood to help ease suffering and to save lives in our county, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Red Cross, by partnering with local, county and state agencies, has supported Haywood County residents when home fires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes or other disasters strike with emergency assistance, such as food, clothing and shelter; and

WHEREAS, a vital part of the Red Cross mission is to provide preparedness training to encourage people to be prepared for the unexpected; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross provides training in CPR, water safety, sheltering and first aid giving Haywood County residents the confidence and skills to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross saves lives every day as it collects blood and platelets for those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross provides 24-hour support to all members of the military, veterans and their families, including a vital worldwide communications link to their families and loved ones back home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Haywood County Board of Commissioners declares July as "**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**" in Haywood County, North Carolina.

J.W. Kirkpatrick, III, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Elizabeth C. Way, Clerk to the Board