State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Red Cross Month

WHEREAS, March is Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank the heroes who volunteer, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who help all of us support the people of Rhode Island with preparedness training; aid to military families; and compassionate response in disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in Rhode Island, the Red Cross works tirelessly through fewer than 10 employees and more than 320 volunteers to help when disaster strikes. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, across the country, the Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year, provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians; and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

WHEREAS, the past year has seen the Red Cross respond to 175 fires in Rhode, as well as to Hurricane Sandy and the recent blizzard, during which the Red Cross sheltered hundreds of Rhode Islanders and provided emotional support, food, water and cleanup supplies; and

WHEREAS, our communities depend on the Red Cross, which relies on donations of time and money to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and

WHEREAS, despite these challenging economic times, the Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim March 2013, as Red Cross Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 4th day of March, 2013

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State