

## AMERICAN RED CROSS CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Polk 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;

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

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

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


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

**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 Polk County Board of Commissioners declares July as “**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**” in Polk County, North Carolina.

Adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

POLK COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Tommy W. Melton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Angé High, Clerk to the Board