

State of North Carolina  
County of Onslow

**Proclamation  
American Red Cross Month  
March 2009**

**WHEREAS**, for more than 90 years, Onslow County Citizens have relied on the expertise of the American Red Cross in disaster relief. Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 40 local disasters and opens shelters in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm. In 2008, the Onslow County chapter also supported the victims of the hurricanes in Texas, the floods in North and South Dakota, and the wildfires in Southern California by sending volunteers to assist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Onslow County Chapter makes every effort to save lives long before tragedy strikes by helping individuals and entire communities prepare for disasters through first aid and CPR training and other courses. Over the past year, nearly 6,000 citizens have enrolled in American Red Cross Health and Safety Courses in Onslow County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Onslow County Chapter also serves as the bridge between more than 2,100 generous blood donors and the patients at Onslow Memorial Hospital and Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune who need units of blood and blood products each year.

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is entrusted with providing volunteer aid in time of war to the sick and wounded of the armed forces. The Red Cross has sent more than 5,000 emergency messages on behalf of active duty personnel and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, without the help of more than 100 volunteers who contributed 33,000 hours of last year, the Onslow County Chapter would not be able to fulfill the humanitarian mission that is the cornerstone of the organization. We are grateful for the tireless work of those volunteers and employees and would like to pay tribute to this remarkable organization and all those who have answered the call to serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Onslow County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 2009 as American Red Cross Month in Onslow County and encourages all citizens to support this organization's noble humanitarian mission.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2009.

**Onslow County Board of Commissioners**



  
W. C. Jarman, Chairman

ATTEST  
  
Beth M. Purcell, CMC  
Clerk to the Board