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CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY

PROCLAMATION AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH MARCH, 2013

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

WHEREAS, we would like to remember those who help all of us here in Elizabeth City by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes – our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, in Elizabeth City, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its 2 employees and 50 volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

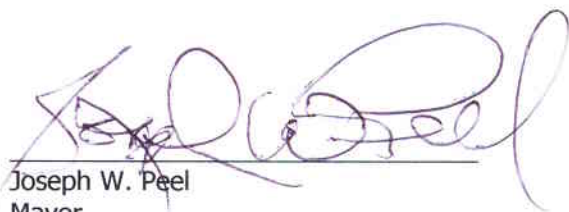
WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the City of Elizabeth City, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.


Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk


Joseph W. Peel
Mayor