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## ***Commissioners Proclaim March American Red Cross Month***

**Carlisle, Pa.** – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaimed March as American Red Cross month during their meeting today. The Commissioners recognized and presented a Proclamation to representatives of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC). The American Red Cross provides compassionate care to those in need. Their network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world.

“The work that our local chapter of the American Red Cross does provides our citizens of Cumberland County not only disaster relief, but peace of mind that someone is there to help in times of need,” said Commissioner Vince DiFilippo, chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Last year, the ARC of the Central Pennsylvania Region responded to disaster calls in Cumberland County, assisting 71 individuals with immediate disaster relief. Additionally, 2898 military personnel were provided support with 24/7 emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance, and other services to military families and veterans. During this time, ARC also collected over 1935 units of life-saving blood.

The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety works closely with the ARC’s local chapter in disaster preparedness and response, and relies on the organization to provide a variety of services in the event of a disaster. The ARC provides assistance and shelter for fire victims, opens and operates disaster shelters/mass care centers in disaster situations, and provides food and beverages to first responders on the scene of long-term incidents.

March is American Red Cross Month and Cumberland County is thankful to have such a hardworking and dedicated Chapter in our region, with 167 volunteers serving the area. For more information on the American Red Cross Central Pennsylvania Chapter visit [www.redcross.org/local/centralpa](http://www.redcross.org/local/centralpa).

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