

RED CROSS MONTH, 1961

February 28, 1961
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**By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross was established officially by the Congress of the United States and operates under grant of authority from the Government but nevertheless receives its support solely from the voluntary contributions and efforts of the American people; and

WHEREAS the charter of the Red Cross imposes upon it specific duties and responsibilities in providing welfare services for the armed forces and for veterans and their families, and in meeting the needs of families suffering from disasters; and

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross, working with the eighty-five nation League of Red Cross Societies, helps to alleviate human suffering caused by disaster or disease throughout the world; and

WHEREAS in communities across this Nation more than two million Red Cross volunteers help their neighbors with youth services, a blood program, first aid, water safety, nursing services, and other humanitarian activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout its eighty years of varied and commendable services in our Nation, the Red Cross has earned the respect and gratitude of our citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1961 as Red Cross Month; and I urge all Americans to support the Red Cross in its local, national, and international missions of mercy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-eighth day of February in the

year of our Lord nineteen
[SEAL] hundred and sixty-one, and of
the Independence of the United
States of America the one hundred and
eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

**NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK,
1961**

**By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation**

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WHEREAS more than a million farm residents are injured and thousands are killed each year in accidents; and

WHEREAS farm accidents bring sorrow and suffering to our farm families, and inflict heavy economic losses upon both the farm community and the Nation; and

WHEREAS the safety of those people who produce our food is of vital concern to all of our citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the Nation to observe the week beginning July 23, 1961, as National Farm Safety Week, and I urge all farm residents to remember that "Safety Is a Family Affair."

I also urge all persons and organizations interested in the safety of farm people to support and participate in this special endeavor to help reduce the number of farm accidents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this fourth day of March in the year of our