

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 14th day of March, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Jim Moore, Don Cooper, Ted Postula, Don McLean, Jesse Knoll and George Kinsella

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Cooper seconded by Commissioner Postula.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS RED CROSS MONTH

For over a century, the American Red Cross has harnessed the generosity of the American people, mobilizing us to offer assistance with its lifesaving mission whether down the street, across the country or around the world. Whether aiding towns fighting rising floodwaters or nations struggling with starvation and disease, the American Red Cross and its international partners have been there to help. During American Red Cross Month, we celebrate our Nation's humanitarian spirit, and we recommit to providing relief and hope in times of crisis. It was in 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, urging the public to support the efforts of the American Red Cross to provide resources and medical care to troops, allies and peoples around the world.

The American desire to put our compassion into action is also deeply rooted the character of the Chippewa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Chippewa County Chapter services Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties where for nearly 95 years it has been a place where citizens join together to help residents in times of need. The citizens of the Eastern Upper Peninsula responded swiftly and generously in overwhelming numbers a year ago during the earthquake disaster in Haiti donating over \$17,000 for international aid through the Red Cross.

The Chippewa County Chapter provides the much needed safety net to the residents of Chippewa County and the Eastern Upper Peninsula by providing food, shelter and clothing to victims of single family fires. During 2010, 20 families in the tri-county area were provided these basic needs. Just in the short two months of 2011 the Disaster Area Teams attended to the needs of three more families with total loss fires, bringing this winter season to one of the worst for sever fire losses.

Trained Red Cross instructors provided 285 classes in CPR, First Aid and water safety working towards the goal to have one person in every household trained in lifesaving techniques. Last year, approximately 1,800 donors chose the Red Cross as the place to donate the gift of life, a unit of blood.

The Red Cross continues to support our military families. Special events such as a community-wide mailing was made to 98 deployed Eastern Upper Peninsula soldiers including the 1437th National Guard troop stationed in Iraq. The chapter also provided the means for a support group for mothers of the deployed, gifts for the children and help with the "Welcome Home" celebration. Sixteen emergency messages were facilitated to soldiers from their families during the year.

Though we can never fully know the challenges we will face, American Red Cross Month reminds us that Americans will always pull together in times of need and will always look to the future with hope and determination. In celebrating American Red Cross Month, we are celebrating humanitarian and volunteer spirit here in Chippewa County and across America.

Now, therefore, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of our authority, do hereby proclaim March, 2011, as American Red Cross Month. I urge all Americans to give blood, volunteer their time, and give generously to the American Red Cross and its local chapter. Chippewa County is a place where we take care of each other. When you help the American Red Cross you help Chippewa County.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

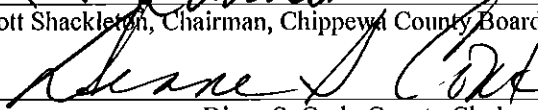
AYES: Shackleton, Moore, Cooper, Postula, McLean, Knoll and Kinsella

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



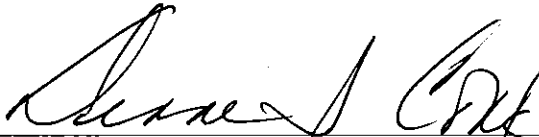
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Diane S. Cork, County Clerk