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Orange County Recognizes Red Cross Month *Diana Presents Proclamation*

Goshen – While Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana was proclaiming March to be American Red Cross Month in the County on Friday, many of the organization’s representatives scheduled to attend the event were actually putting the Red Cross’ mission into action as they set-up an emergency shelter in Port Jervis to assist flood victims.

For more than a century, the American Red Cross in Greater New York has helped New Yorkers recover from fires, blackouts, floods, and other emergencies. The organization owes much of its success to the thousands of New Yorkers who give freely of their time and talent as volunteers to assist their neighbors.

“This month, Orange County thanks the employees, volunteers, and supporters of the Red Cross of Greater New York for all they have done to improve our lives and ensure our security in times of need,” said County Executive Diana. “Today, their mission to help New Yorkers prepare and respond to disasters is more relevant than ever. As I speak, the Red Cross is opening a shelter at Port Jervis High School to assist those displaced by flooding,” added Mr. Diana.

Already, this year in Orange County, the Red Cross has responded to 11 fires and other emergencies and assisted 48 adults and children with food, shelter, and/or counseling following a disaster. In 2010, they responded to more than 60 emergencies and assisted nearly 300 people following a disaster.

In addition to emergency assistance, the Red Cross provides training in life-saving skills, including CPR, first aid, and lifeguard instruction. They also serve as a partner in the County’s Emergency Response team.

“In recognition of the many contributions of the American Red Cross in Greater New York to protect the safety and vitality of our residents, I do hereby proclaim March 2011 to be Red Cross Month in Orange County,” concluded Mr. Diana. Jacqueline Dragone,

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Assistant Director of Community Development, and David Stark, Red Cross board member, accepted the proclamation from Mr. Diana on behalf of the American Red Cross in Greater New York, Orange County office.

For more information about the American Red Cross in Greater New York, visit them online at www.nyredcross.org.



Jacqueline Dragone, Assistant Director of Community Development (left), and David Stark, Red Cross board member (right), accepted the Red Cross Month proclamation from Orange County Executive Diana (center).