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Madison County Board of Supervisors Attn: Donna Hardy P.O. Box 608 Canton, MS 39046-0608

Dear Mr. Higginbotham and the Madison County Board of Supervisors:

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. From January 1 to December 31, 2023, this American Red Cross chapter provided \$28,584 in emergency financial assistance in 19 different home fire cases involving 99 individuals in Madison County. This assistance helped provide food, clothing, lodging, and medications in the aftermath of an emergency. Clients also received disaster-related health care, referrals to community partners and government resources, and other essential items that can be used immediately during recovery.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance and services are free, made possible by the generosity of donors like you. Assistance to your community is provided without regard to citizenship, race, religion, age, culture or creed.

In addition to the disaster services we provide, the American Red Cross touches the lives of the people in your area through our Services to the Armed Forces (SAF). In this past year, we provided **81** SAF case services to members of the military and their families in Madison County. We also provide Preparedness, Health, and Safety classes which make your area a safer place to live. This year, **591** individuals in Madison County took one of these courses from the Red Cross.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, we thank you for your past support of the vital services provided in your community. We request the Madison County Board of Supervisors consider supporting American Red Cross Disaster Services for residents of Madison County in the amount of \$10,000 for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Betsy Nicholson Regional Philanthropy Officer

ABOUT THE RED CROSS: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies much of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/mississippi or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossMiss.

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