

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1013

By: Jackson

A Resolution recognizing March as American Red Cross Month in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging Oklahomans to support the organization's mission; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, most people know the American Red Cross for its work helping communities deal with major disasters, from wildfires in northwest Oklahoma, tornados in Lone Grove, ice storms across the State of Oklahoma, to hosting neighboring states' residents who seek shelter from hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, while these kinds of large-scale disasters are all a major part of what the American Red Cross does, just as important are the tens of thousands of small disasters that happen every day in Oklahoma, and so are the volunteers that make responding to them possible; and

WHEREAS, in every response, volunteers are the cornerstone of what the Red Cross does. Volunteers are vital to the work force of the Red Cross in Oklahoma, and without their giving spirit, disaster relief operations would fall short, blood donations would not be there for those in need, and the mission of the Red Cross could not be fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, from helping military families stay connected with service members around the world, teaching CPR and first aid in community centers, or supporting other Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies with emergencies around the world, volunteers are critical to the success of each and every Red Cross endeavor; and

WHEREAS, March has been celebrated as "Red Cross Month" since 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the wartime fundraising campaign the "greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history"; and

WHEREAS, as American Red Cross Month is celebrated, all Oklahomans are encouraged to commit themselves to strengthening their own communities through service with the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, volunteers help make our country stronger, and nowhere can that be more evident than in communities coming together to support each other in times of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 2009 as "American Red Cross Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT especially during this extraordinary time for our country, all Oklahomans are encouraged to support this organization's noble humanitarian mission.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Vince Hernandez, CEO of the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March,  
2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives