

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 16

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Stanislawski, Sweeden,
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A Resolution proclaiming March 2009 "American Red Cross Month"; encouraging all Oklahomans to support the American Red Cross; 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 state's 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 who make responding to them possible; and

WHEREAS, in every response, volunteers are the cornerstone of what the American Red Cross does. Volunteers are vital to the workforce of the American Red Cross in Oklahoma. 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 American 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". As we celebrate American Red Cross Month, all Oklahomans are encouraged to commit themselves to strengthening their own communities through service with the American Red Cross. American Red Cross volunteers help make our country strong, 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 SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims March 2009 "American Red Cross Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Oklahomans to support the American Red Cross during this extraordinary time for our country.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Kyla Campbell, Director of Development and Communications, American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate