

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1013

By: Jackson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, in every response, volunteers are the cornerstone of
24 what the Red Cross does. Volunteers are vital to the work force of

1 the Red Cross in Oklahoma, and without their giving spirit, disaster
2 relief operations would fall short, blood donations would not be
3 there for those in need, and the mission of the Red Cross could not
4 be fulfilled; and

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

10 WHEREAS, March has been celebrated as "Red Cross Month" since
11 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the wartime
12 fundraising campaign the "greatest single crusade of mercy in all of
13 history"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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