

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1051

By: Armes of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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10 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming March 1, 2010, to
11 be Red Cross Day in Oklahoma; proclaiming March to be
12 Red Cross Month in Oklahoma; and encouraging all
13 Oklahomans to support the Red Cross and its mission.

14 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role
15 in our state, providing help and hope in the face of emergencies and
16 disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer
17 spirit of the American people; and

18 WHEREAS, whether it be in southwestern Oklahoma where Red Cross
19 and Baptist Disaster Relief teams partnered to feed nearly 25,000
20 meals to more than 3,000 individuals seeking shelter after their
21 ice-ravaged communities were left in the dark for almost two weeks,
22 or in the streets of Haiti, where one of the largest humanitarian
23 relief efforts to date is being carried out by volunteers, the
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1 American Red Cross is as dedicated to the mission today as it was
2 during the days of Clara Barton; and

3 WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, U.S. Presidents have called on
4 the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian
5 mission; and

6 WHEREAS, in World War I, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the
7 Red Cross to raise funds to support emergency aid to the military,
8 as mandated by the Red Cross Congressional Charter. At that time,
9 the American Red Cross set a goal of \$125,000,000.00 and in less
10 than six weeks donations totaled nearly \$146,000,000.00, a tribute
11 to the overwhelming generosity of the American public; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1943, during World War II, President Franklin D.
13 Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to proclaim March as Red
14 Cross Month and called on Americans to "rededicate themselves to the
15 splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross". President
16 Roosevelt's call to action nearly 70 years ago started a tradition
17 of designating March as Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and
18 support the valuable work of the American Red Cross by making a
19 financial contribution, donating blood, taking a life-saving class,
20 or volunteering to help the Red Cross perform its mission; and

21 WHEREAS, every day, through its network of employees and nearly
22 10,000 volunteers in locations all across Oklahoma, the American Red
23 Cross is there to save the day when disaster strikes or when a
24 neighbor's house burns down; and

1 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is there when someone needs
2 life-saving blood or needs the comfort of a helping hand; and

3 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross connects military families with
4 their loved ones in service and provides training in CPR, aquatics
5 safety, and first aid; and

6 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross spreads humanitarian aid and
7 goodwill to people down the street, across the country, and around
8 the world; and

9 WHEREAS, our state depends on the American Red Cross and because
10 it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from
11 the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially
12 important in these challenging economic times for the Red Cross and
13 all Americans.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT March 1, 2010, is hereby proclaimed to be "Red Cross Day"
18 in Oklahoma.

19 THAT the month of March 2010 is hereby proclaimed to be "Red
20 Cross Month" in Oklahoma.

21 THAT all Oklahomans are hereby encouraged to support the
22 American Red Cross and its noble humanitarian mission.

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