

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 16

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution proclaiming March 2009 "American Red  
8 Cross Month"; encouraging all Oklahomans to support  
9 the American Red Cross; and directing distribution.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, in every response, volunteers are the cornerstone of  
22 what the American Red Cross does. Volunteers are vital to the  
23 workforce of the American Red Cross in Oklahoma. Without their  
24 giving spirit, disaster relief operations would fall short, blood

1 donations would not be there for those in need, and the mission of  
2 the American Red Cross could not be fulfilled; and

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

8 WHEREAS, March has been celebrated as "Red Cross Month" since  
9 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the wartime  
10 fundraising campaign the "greatest single crusade of mercy in all of  
11 history". As we celebrate American Red Cross Month, all Oklahomans  
12 are encouraged to commit themselves to strengthening their own  
13 communities through service with the American Red Cross. American  
14 Red Cross volunteers help make our country strong, and nowhere can  
15 that be more evident than in communities coming together to support  
16 each other in times of disaster.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
18 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

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

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