

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1009

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming March 3, 2011, to be Red
10 Cross Day in Oklahoma; proclaiming March to be Red
11 Cross Month in Oklahoma; and encouraging all
12 Oklahomans to support the Red Cross and its mission.

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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, nationally the Red Cross responds to an average of 200
19 disasters every day; and

20 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides
21 emotional support to victims of disasters, supplies nearly half of
22 the nation's blood, teaches lifesaving skills, provides

1 international humanitarian aid, and supports military members and
2 their families; and

3 WHEREAS, American Red Cross is as dedicated to the mission today
4 as it was during the days of Clara Barton; and

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, every day, through its network of employees and nearly
2 10,000 volunteers in locations all across Oklahoma, the American Red
3 Cross is there to save the day when disaster strikes or when a
4 neighbor's house burns down; and

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

7 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides training in CPR,
8 aquatics safety, and first aid; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross spreads humanitarian aid and
10 goodwill to people down the street, across the country, and around
11 the world; and

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT March 3, 2011, is hereby proclaimed to be "Red Cross Day"
20 in Oklahoma.

21 THAT the month of March 2011 is hereby proclaimed to be "Red
22 Cross Month" in Oklahoma.

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

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