

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1048

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution declaring March 2012 to be American Red
9 Cross Month; and encouraging Oklahomans to support
10 the American Red Cross.

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13 WHEREAS, less than ten miles from the steps of the Capitol last
14 year, a large wildfire devastated neighborhoods in Oklahoma City and
15 Edmond. Firefighters from across the state responded and worked
16 around the clock to stop the flames before even greater damage could
17 occur; and

18 WHEREAS, more than a dozen homes were destroyed that day and
19 many more were evacuated. Due to dry conditions and high winds, it
20 was a scene that played out across a large portion of Oklahoma in
21 2011. In fact, more than 1,700 wildfires burned more than 132,000
22 acres in 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, standing right behind the brave firefighters on the
2 battle lines last year stood another group of men and women
3 dedicated to public service and that group is the American Red
4 Cross; and

5 WHEREAS, volunteers with the Red Cross opened shelters, provided
6 emergency assistance to those affected and were there to serve
7 breakfast, lunch and dinner to hundreds of first responders, not
8 only at last year's wildfires, but almost every day at home and
9 apartment fires; and

10 WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who
11 contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time,
12 money or blood; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping
14 people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is committed to assuring a safe
16 and adequate blood supply for our communities by holding close to
17 2,000 blood drives annually, just like the one being held here at
18 the Capitol today. The American Red Cross also provides 24-hour
19 support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and
20 provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

21 WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have
22 called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its
23 humanitarian mission. Our residents depend on the Red Cross, and

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1 because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on
2 support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is
3 especially important in challenging economic times which impact the
4 Red Cross and many people in our communities and across the nation.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT March 2012 is hereby declared to be American Red Cross
8 Month.

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

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