

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides
19 emotional support to victims of disasters, supplies nearly half of
20 the nation's blood, teaches lifesaving skills, provides
21 international humanitarian aid, and supports military members and
22 their families; and

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, every day, through its network of employees and nearly
20 10,000 volunteers in locations all across Oklahoma, the American Red
21 Cross is there to save the day when disaster strikes or when a
22 neighbor's house burns down; and

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

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

3 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross spreads humanitarian aid and
4 goodwill to people down the street, across the country, and around
5 the world; and

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

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

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

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

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

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