

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 42

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution proclaiming March 2012 as Red Cross
8 Month in the state of Oklahoma.

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10 WHEREAS, back-to-back natural disasters hit eastern Oklahoma in
11 2011. A February blizzard was followed by deadly tornadoes in
12 Tushka, damaging floods in northeastern Oklahoma and wildfires
13 fueled by record-high temperatures and extreme drought. The
14 disasters stretched across the state; and

15 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was there every time, helping
16 victims get back on their feet and on the road to recovery. Red
17 Cross volunteers opened shelters, provided emergency assistance to
18 those affected and served breakfast, lunch and dinner to hundreds of
19 first responders; and

20 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is committed to assuring a safe and
21 adequate blood supply for Oklahoma communities by holding nearly
22 2,000 blood drives annually in partnership with schools,
23 corporations, churches and civic organizations, including a state
24 Capitol blood drive; and

1 WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, the Red Cross works tirelessly to support
2 citizens when disaster strikes, and provides 24-hour support to
3 members of the military, veterans and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, For nearly 100 years, U.S. presidents have called upon
5 Americans to support the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross and
6 Oklahomans have answered the call.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
8 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate does hereby proclaim March 2012
10 as "Red Cross Month" in the state of Oklahoma, and encourages every
11 Oklahoman to support the Red Cross and its noble mission.

12 THAT during Red Cross Month, the Oklahoma State Senate
13 encourages all Oklahomans to thank those who contribute to the
14 mission of the Red Cross and its work.

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