

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1009

                                  By: Dorman

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution declaring March to be American Red Cross  
9                   Month.

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11           WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross in Oklahoma led relief  
12 efforts after tornadoes in Woodward and Norman and numerous wild  
13 fires across the state. This is in addition to the nearly daily  
14 response to house and apartment fires. These disasters damaged and  
15 destroyed numerous homes and evacuated hundreds of others; and

16           WHEREAS, in addition to the brave firefighters and other first  
17 responders who work tirelessly to help their communities, a  
18 dedicated group of men and women wearing red vests were there to  
19 support the families and first responders. They are the Red Cross  
20 volunteers; and

21           WHEREAS, these volunteers provided meals, snacks, shelter and  
22 comfort to those impacted by disasters through emergency assistance  
23 provided by the generosity of donors to help the organization  
24 perform its mission to alleviate human suffering; and

1       WHEREAS, we thank the nearly fifty volunteers from Oklahoma who  
2 deployed to the East Coast to help with relief efforts in New York  
3 and New Jersey following Super Storm Sandy; and

4       WHEREAS, the Red Cross in Oklahoma is part of a national  
5 organization, not a government agency, and is chartered by the  
6 United States Congress, designating it as the entity to prepare for  
7 and respond to disasters in the United States as well as serve as  
8 the communications link between United States military personnel and  
9 their families; and

10       WHEREAS, the Red Cross helps prepare communities for disasters  
11 through preparedness education, including training in CPR and first  
12 aid. It is responsible for providing nearly forty percent of the  
13 country's blood supply through blood drives like the one being held  
14 today; and

15       WHEREAS, during Red Cross Month, we thank Oklahomans for  
16 supporting the Red Cross through donations, volunteering or blood.

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19       THAT March 2013 is hereby declared to be American Red Cross  
20 Month.

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22       DIRECT TO CALENDAR.  
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