

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 50

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing March 2014 as American Red
8 Cross month in Oklahoma; applauding the contributions
9 of Oklahoma's Red Cross volunteers and others; and
10 directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role
12 in Oklahoma by empowering our caring citizens to join in making a
13 difference with life-saving skills and donations of time, talent,
14 money and blood to help ease and prevent human suffering and to save
15 lives down the street, across the country, and around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, the Red Cross, though not a government agency itself,
17 is a valued partner that collaborates with Oklahoma's emergency
18 planning community to respond to disasters of all types; and

19 WHEREAS, last year, through a state-wide network of chapters,
20 Oklahoma's Red Cross provided food, clothing, shelter, first aid,
21 mental health care and comfort after tornadoes in Moore, El Reno and
22 Shawnee as well as during the almost daily response to house and
23 apartment fires; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives every day, providing
2 nearly 40 percent of the country's blood supply through blood drives
3 across the state and country; and

4 WHEREAS, last year, Red Cross training programs, such as First
5 Aid, CPR, use of an AED, and Water Safety, gave nearly 61,000 of our
6 citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-
7 threatening emergencies; and

8 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross
9 provides the only world-wide communications link between service
10 members and their loved ones through emergency communications,
11 referrals and briefings to family members on services available to
12 them; and

13 WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission,
14 and the Red Cross, in partnership with state and local agencies, is
15 helping Oklahoma's families become safer, healthier and better
16 prepared for the unexpected, whether natural disasters, manmade
17 threats or health emergencies, through community presentations and
18 digital outreach, including mobile apps that put practical
19 information in the hands of users.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
21 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins other states and Congress
23 in recognizing March 2014 as American Red Cross month and calls on
24 all Oklahomans to support this organization and its proud heritage.

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the contributions of
2 Oklahoma's Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees for
3 their dedication to helping their communities.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Janienne Bella,
5 the Regional CEO of the American Red Cross.

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