
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2015 as "American Red Cross
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded the American
4 Red Cross; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1900, the Congress of the United States granted
6 the American Red Cross a charter, making the volunteer
7 organization responsible for providing services to members of
8 the armed forces of the United States and relief to disaster
9 victims at home and abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, Today's American Red Cross is a humanitarian
11 organization led by volunteers that provide relief to victims of
12 disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to
13 emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has
15 assisted Americans in preventing, preparing and responding to
16 large and small disasters; and

1 WHEREAS, Just as families and communities depend on the
2 American Red Cross in times of need, the American Red Cross
3 depends on the support of the American people to help sustain
4 the foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross strives to prevent and
6 alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, to protect life
7 and health and to ensure respect for each human being; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross provides services to all
9 Americans in need, regardless of nationality, race, religious
10 beliefs, class or political opinions; and

11 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
12 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2013, volunteers and staff from the
15 American Red Cross responded to 2,485 disasters throughout this
16 Commonwealth, providing relief to more than 4,100 families; and

17 WHEREAS, During the 48 days of the Commonwealth's largest
18 manhunt, the American Red Cross partnered with the Pennsylvania
19 State Police to support three 24-hour-a-day feeding sites,
20 providing more than 65,000 meals and over 1.3 million snacks to
21 first responders; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2014, 7,355 Pennsylvanians served as volunteers
23 for the American Red Cross; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2014, the American Red Cross responded to
25 approximately 3,000 disasters and provided assistance to
26 families impacted by disasters in all 67 counties in this
27 Commonwealth; and

28 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2014, the American Red Cross
29 financially assisted 4,151 families across this Commonwealth;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth donated hundreds of
2 thousands of units of blood to help save or better the lives of
3 their neighbors; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained more than 215,000
5 people in many different programs Statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 100,000 individuals were trained in
7 first aid, the proper way to perform CPR or the use of an
8 automatic external defibrillator; and

9 WHEREAS, Thirty-five thousand individuals received training
10 in aquatic and water safety and more than 75,000 individuals
11 were trained in emergency preparedness; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross will continue to play a
13 valuable role in catastrophic relief, humanitarianism and
14 volunteerism during the 21st century; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2015
16 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the American Red Cross and
18 all of its employees and volunteers for their service and
19 dedication to the communities and residents of this
20 Commonwealth.