
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, BAKER, COSTA, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA,
BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FONTANA,
GORDNER, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER,
SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, WARD AND YAW, MARCH 19, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 19, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2018 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, The 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 for and responding
16 to large and small disasters; and

17 WHEREAS, Just as families and communities depend on the

1 American Red Cross in times of need, the American Red Cross
2 depends on the support of the American people to help sustain
3 the organization; and

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

7 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross provides services to all
8 individuals in need, regardless of nationality, race, religious
9 belief, class or political opinion; and

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

13 WHEREAS, In 2017, of the 12,784,277 individuals who resided
14 in this Commonwealth, 6,265 served as volunteers for the
15 American Red Cross; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2017, volunteers and staff from the American Red
17 Cross responded to 2,116 disasters throughout this Commonwealth;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 2017, the American Red Cross financially assisted
20 4,369 families throughout this Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2017, the American Red Cross trained 261,811
22 individuals across this Commonwealth through various Statewide
23 programs; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained 131,180 individuals
25 across this Commonwealth in first aid, the proper way to perform
26 CPR or the use of an automatic external defibrillator; and

27 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained 47,060 individuals on
28 aquatics and water safety throughout this Commonwealth; and

29 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained 2,772 individuals in
30 this Commonwealth on caregiving and other family-related

1 programs; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained 80,799 individuals on
3 preparedness and provided 21,174 children with training on how
4 to prepare for emergencies through The Pillowcase Project; and

5 WHEREAS, The Red Cross House, based in Philadelphia, housed
6 296 new families and 799 new individuals, of which 284 were
7 children, provided 10,722 nights of shelter and served 32,316
8 meals; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2018
10 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the American Red Cross and
12 all of its employees and volunteers for their service and
13 dedication to the communities and residents of this
14 Commonwealth.