
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HARRELL AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 21, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the American Red Cross' emergency call for blood
2 donations, encouraging the creation of additional blood
3 drives in this Commonwealth and nationwide and encouraging
4 all eligible residents to donate blood.

5 WHEREAS, Blood is being provided to patients at a
6 disproportionately faster rate than blood is being donated to
7 the American Red Cross; and

8 WHEREAS, During the week of July 4, 2019, the American Red
9 Cross reported more than 450 fewer blood drives took place,
10 resulting in a loss of an estimated 17,000 blood donations; and

11 WHEREAS, The declining number of blood donations collected
12 during the week of July 4, 2019, has resulted in a blood supply
13 that will only last for three days; and

14 WHEREAS, The goal of the American Red Cross is to house a
15 minimum of a five-day supply on hand for the purpose of everyday
16 treatment of trauma, surgical and cancer patients as well as to
17 help patients suffering from chronic illnesses; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross struggles to find donations
2 during the summer months due to the fact that up to 20% of all
3 blood donations come from high school and college blood drives
4 during the school year; and

5 WHEREAS, Blood transfusions are the fourth most common
6 medical procedure in hospitals and the procedure relies heavily
7 on blood donations from voluntary donors; and

8 WHEREAS, Every two seconds, someone is in need of blood in
9 the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Every 15 seconds, someone is in need of platelets in
11 the United States; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 American Red Cross' emergency call for blood donations,
14 encourage the creation of additional blood drives in this
15 Commonwealth and nationwide and encourage all eligible residents
16 to donate blood.