
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 316 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, BAKER, IOVINO, ARGALL, ARNOLD, BARTOLOTTA,
BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN,
FONTANA, GORDNER, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC,
MARTIN, MASTRIANO, MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE
AND J. WARD, MARCH 13, 2020

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2020 as "American Red Cross
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has a long history of helping
4 our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope
5 during disasters; making our community safer through its
6 lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood;
7 teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military
8 personnel, veterans and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, During "American Red Cross Month," we thank and
10 honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous
11 supporters who make this compassionate work possible; and

12 WHEREAS, Last year in Pennsylvania, 6,515 Red Cross
13 volunteers supported the Red Cross mission; and

14 WHEREAS, These volunteers helped more than 3,800 families
15 affected by 2,305 home fires and other disasters across this
16 Commonwealth by addressing their urgent needs, such as food and

1 lodging, and providing recovery support; and

2 WHEREAS, When large disasters like Hurricane Dorian, the
3 California wildfires and Midwest tornadoes and floods devastated
4 families across the country last year, more than 100 volunteers
5 from this Commonwealth were among the nearly 9,000 Red Cross
6 workers, 90% of them volunteers, who left their homes to work
7 alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items,
8 emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, The Red Cross continues to work with its partners to
10 prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign,
11 which installed its 2,000,000th free smoke alarm last year and
12 has saved hundreds of lives across the country since the
13 campaign was launched five years ago; and

14 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, the Red Cross recently installed
15 its 100,000th free lifesaving smoke alarm to help keep the
16 residents of our Commonwealth safe; and

17 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, the Red Cross provided more than
18 12,000 services for our active duty military, veterans and their
19 families; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition, more than 200,000 residents were
21 trained in lifesaving skills, such as first aid and CPR; and

22 WHEREAS, We recognize the volunteer heroes in this
23 Commonwealth who make this work possible to help our neighbors
24 when they need a helping hand; and

25 WHEREAS, Every day people in our community depend on the
26 American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the
27 devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of
28 community organizations; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2020
30 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the American Red Cross
2 for its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in
3 the face of emergencies and for its dedication, service and
4 sacrifice to the communities and residents of this Commonwealth.