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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating March 2008 as "American Red Cross Month" in
- 2 Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded the American
- 4 Association of the 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 provides relief to victims
- 12 of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond
- 13 to emergencies; and
- 14 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has
- 15 been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for
- 16 and respond to large and small disasters, and just as families

- 1 and communities depend on the Red Cross in times of need, the
- 2 Red Cross depends on the support of the American people to help
- 3 sustain the foundation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross strives to prevent and
- 5 alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found, to protect
- 6 life and health, and to ensure respect for each human being; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross makes no discrimination as to
- 8 nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political
- 9 opinions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
- 11 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace
- 12 among all peoples; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross will continue to play a
- 14 valuable role in catastrophic relief, humanitarianism and
- 15 volunteerism during the 21st century; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 2008 as "American
- 17 Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the American Red Cross, all
- 19 of its employees and all of its volunteers for their service and
- 20 dedication to the communities and residents of this
- 21 Commonwealth.