

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 594 Session of 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 2012 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 domestically and abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, Today's American Red Cross is a humanitarian
11 organization led by volunteers that provides relief to victims

1 of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond
2 to emergencies; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has
4 been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for
5 and respond to large and small disasters; and

6 WHEREAS, Just as families and communities depend on the
7 American Red Cross in times of need, the American Red Cross
8 depends on the support of the American people to help sustain
9 the foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross sheltered more than 6,000
11 individuals and fed more than 250,000,000 Pennsylvanians during
12 Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in August and September
13 of 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, Assistance to Commonwealth residents provided
15 upwards of \$3.4 million to get families and individuals back on
16 their feet; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 2011 fiscal year, volunteers and staff from
18 the American Red Cross responded to 2,971 disasters throughout
19 this Commonwealth, providing relief for more than 4,000
20 families; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 35,000 Pennsylvanians served as volunteers
22 for the American Red Cross, and as much as 3.2% of the residents
23 of Pennsylvania learned lifesaving skills while learning
24 Pennsylvania's disaster preparedness programs in 2011; and

25 WHEREAS, Residents of Pennsylvania donated hundreds of
26 thousands of units of blood to help save the lives of their
27 neighbors and provide for their needs; and

28 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross strives to prevent and
29 alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found, to protect
30 life and health and to ensure respect for each human being; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross makes no discrimination as to
2 nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political
3 opinions; and

4 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
5 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace
6 among all people; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross continues to play a valuable
8 role in catastrophic relief, humanitarianism and volunteerism
9 during the 21st century; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
11 2012 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 American Red Cross, its employees and its volunteers for their
15 dedication, service and sacrifice to the communities and
16 residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the American Red Cross at 430 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA
19 17604.