
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WARREN AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2017 as "American Red Cross
2 Month" in 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
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

1 and respond to large and small disasters; and

2 WHEREAS, Just as families and communities depend on the
3 American Red Cross in times of need, the American Red Cross
4 depends on the support of the American people to help sustain
5 the foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth donated hundreds of
7 thousands of units of blood to help save the lives of their
8 neighbors and provide for their needs; and

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

12 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained more than 187,778
13 people in many different programs Statewide; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 102,714 individuals were trained in
15 first aid, the proper way to perform CPR or the use of an
16 automatic external defibrillator; and

17 WHEREAS, 33,865 individuals received training in
18 aquatic/water safety and 46,622 were trained in emergency
19 preparedness; and

20 WHEREAS, 7,677 individuals received training in caregiving;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, 16,813 children participated in the Pillowcase
23 Project, a free interactive preparedness program designed for
24 children 8 to 11 years of age that aims to increase
25 understanding of natural hazards, teach safety and personal
26 preparedness skills; and

27 WHEREAS, There were 7,010 American Red Cross volunteers
28 Statewide who donated time and energy to their communities; and

29 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2016, the American Red Cross housed
30 385 new families at the Red Cross House, including 707 adults

1 and 438 children, for a total of 23,112 nights of shelter at the
2 Red Cross House and an estimated 64,109 meals served; and

3 WHEREAS, The year 2016 saw 2,276 disasters Statewide; and

4 WHEREAS, There were 4,372 families assisted with direct
5 client assistance Statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, The year 2015 saw 2,263 fires Statewide, prompting
7 the American Red Cross to take notice; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is working to ensure that no
9 more fire deaths occur in this Commonwealth through their Home
10 Fire Campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is partnering with local fire
12 departments to ensure that anyone who needs a working smoke
13 alarm can access one; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is working to educate and
15 equip community members with fire safety plans, which will help
16 families understand how to evacuate their homes in the event of
17 a fire; and

18 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross makes no discrimination as to
19 nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political
20 opinions; and

21 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
22 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace
23 among all people; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross continues to play a valuable
25 role in catastrophe relief, humanitarianism and volunteerism
26 during the 21st century; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of March 2017 as "American Red Cross Month" in
29 Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 American Red Cross, its employees and its volunteers for their
2 dedication, service and sacrifice to the communities and
3 residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
5 the American Red Cross, 2221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
6 19103.