
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEELAND AND BERNSTINE, APRIL 2, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 2, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2018 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 have donated hundreds
7 of 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 has trained more than 261,811
13 people in many different programs Statewide; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 131,180 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, 47,060 individuals have received training in
18 aquatic/water safety, and 80,799 individuals were trained in
19 emergency preparedness; and

20 WHEREAS, 2,772 individuals have received training in
21 caregiving; and

22 WHEREAS, 21,174 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 and teach safety and personal
26 preparedness skills; and

27 WHEREAS, There were 6,265 American Red Cross volunteers
28 Statewide who donated time and energy to their communities; and

29 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2017, the American Red Cross housed
30 296 new families at the Red Cross House, including 515 adults

1 and 284 children, for a total of 10,772 nights of shelter at the
2 Red Cross House and an estimated 32,316 meals served; and

3 WHEREAS, The year 2017 saw 2,116 disasters Statewide; and

4 WHEREAS, There were 4,369 families assisted with direct
5 client assistance Statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross continues to work with local
7 fire departments to ensure that anyone who needs a working smoke
8 alarm can access one; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is working to educate and
10 equip community members with fire safety plans, which helps
11 families understand how to evacuate their homes in the event of
12 a fire; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross makes no discrimination as to
14 nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political
15 opinions; and

16 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
17 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace
18 among all people; and

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

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of March 2018 as "American Red Cross Month" in
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 American Red Cross, its employees and its volunteers for their
27 dedication, service and sacrifice to the communities and
28 residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the American Red Cross, 2221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

1 19103.