
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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STREET, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, YAW AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 22, 2017

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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 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 provide relief to victims of
12 disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to
13 emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has
15 assisted Americans in preventing, preparing and responding to
16 large and small disasters; and

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

5 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross strives to prevent and
6 alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, to protect life
7 and health and to ensure respect for each human being; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross provides services to all
9 Americans in need, regardless of nationality, race, religious
10 belief, class or political opinion; and

11 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
12 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, volunteers and staff from the American Red
15 Cross responded to 2,276 disasters throughout this Commonwealth;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In 2016, 7,010 individuals served as volunteers for
18 the American Red Cross in this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2016, the American Red Cross financially assisted
20 4,373 families across this Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth have donated hundreds
22 of thousands of units of blood to help save or better the lives
23 of their neighbors; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained more than 187,000
25 individuals in 2016 in many different programs Statewide; and

26 WHEREAS, More than 102,000 individuals were trained in first
27 aid, the proper way to perform CPR or the use of an automatic
28 external defibrillator; and

29 WHEREAS, Approximately 34,000 individuals were trained in
30 aquatics and water safety, and more than 46,000 individuals were

1 trained in emergency preparedness; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Red Cross House, based in Philadelphia,
3 housed 385 new families, provided 23,112 nights of shelter and
4 served 64,109 meals; and

5 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Home Fire Campaign," with the
6 American Red Cross partnering with local fire departments to
7 ensure that anyone who needs a working smoke alarm has access to
8 one; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross continues to play a valuable
10 role in catastrophic relief, humanitarianism and volunteerism;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2017
13 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the American Red Cross and
15 all of its employees and volunteers for their service and
16 dedication to the communities and residents of this
17 Commonwealth.