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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, BAKER, L. WILLIAMS, ARGALL, AUMENT,  
BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA,  
DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, HAYWOOD, HUGHES,  
HUTCHINSON, KILLION, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, VOGEL, J. WARD, K. WARD, YAW AND  
YUDICHAK, MARCH 26, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2019 as "American Red Cross  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 137 years ago, the American Red Cross was  
4 established as a humanitarian organization, guided by seven  
5 fundamental principles, including humanity, impartiality and  
6 independence, to provide services to those in need regardless of  
7 race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or citizenship  
8 status; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, the American Red Cross is one of the largest  
10 humanitarian organizations in the world and delivers its mission  
11 every day to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face  
12 of emergencies; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides  
14 emotional support to victims of disasters, supplies about 40% of  
15 the nation's blood, teaches skills that save lives, provides  
16 international humanitarian aid and supports military members and

1 their families; and

2 WHEREAS, Every year, the American Red Cross responds to an  
3 average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country, from  
4 small home fires to devastating massive disasters; and

5 WHEREAS, Last year's large crises included mudslides in  
6 California, a volcano in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and  
7 California, destructive hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas  
8 and a devastating typhoon in United States' territories; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers,  
10 including many from Pennsylvania, provided around-the-clock  
11 shelter for disaster victims, served millions of meals and  
12 snacks and distributed millions of relief items; and

13 WHEREAS, Of the 12,842,441 individuals who resided in this  
14 Commonwealth, 6,600 served as volunteers for the American Red  
15 Cross; and

16 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, the Red Cross has a long history of  
17 helping our neighbors in need and, in 2018, the Red Cross  
18 assisted with 2,116 disasters that affected more than 4,000  
19 families and 11,000 people Statewide; and

20 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross installed nearly 20,000 free  
21 lifesaving smoke alarms in almost 9,000 homes across this  
22 Commonwealth to help families escape in the event of a fire; and

23 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross served thousands of active  
24 duty military, their families and veterans with more than 11,000  
25 case services through their Service to Armed Forces program; and

26 WHEREAS, The Red Cross collected nearly 250,000 blood  
27 donations to meet the needs of accident victims, cancer  
28 patients, surgical candidates, children with blood disorders and  
29 others; and

30 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross trained 186,000 individuals

1 across this Commonwealth in first aid, the proper way to perform  
2 CPR or the use of an automatic external defibrillator, water  
3 safety, caregiving and more; and

4 WHEREAS, The Red Cross provided more than 1,000,000  
5 elementary school students nationally with training on how to  
6 prepare for emergencies through The Pillowcase Project;  
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2019  
9 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the American Red Cross and  
11 all of its employees and volunteers for their service and  
12 dedication to the communities and residents of this  
13 Commonwealth.