

## House Resolution 244

By: Representatives Fleming of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Cooper of the 45<sup>th</sup>, McCollum of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Scoggins of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Newton of the 127<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Red Cross and recognizing March 2023 as Red Cross Month in Georgia;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and empowers millions  
4 of our citizens to make a difference with lifesaving skills and donations of time, money, and  
5 blood that ease human suffering down the street, across the country, and around the world;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is not a government agency but rather a valued nonprofit partner  
8 that collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of  
9 all types; and

10 WHEREAS, last year through a statewide network of eight chapters, Georgia's Red Cross  
11 mobilized volunteers in person and virtually; it also provided emergency assistance and  
12 supplied essentials like lodging, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional  
13 support to more than 14,000 people in response to more than 3,300 local disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, the Southern Blood Services Region collected more than 178,000 blood  
15 donations from generous volunteers in our state to help supply area hospitals by hosting over  
16 8,000 blood drives; and

17 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide  
18 communications link between service members and their loved ones; the Red Cross further  
19 provided casework services for 20,000 military families in Georgia by helping them send  
20 emergency messages and acquire financial assistance, counseling, and referrals throughout  
21 2022; and

22 WHEREAS, the Red Cross worked with community partners to reduce fire-related deaths  
23 and injuries by installing more than 3,700 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helped  
24 residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Sound the Alarm Campaign last  
25 year; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the significant contributions made  
27 by Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, who gave more than 223,000 hours of their time; bedside  
28 blood donors; financial donors; partners; and employees serving in communities statewide.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend the Red Cross for its efforts and recognize March 2023  
31 as Red Cross Month in Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 Red Cross.