

## Senate Resolution 765

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Rhett of the 33rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Red Cross and recognizing March 2024 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 13,500 people in response to more than 2,600 local disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, during 2023, more than 90,000 Georgians were trained in first aid, CPR, care  
15 giving, water safety, and aquatics; and

16 WHEREAS, the Southern Blood Services Region collected more than 167,000 units of blood  
17 from generous volunteers in our state to help supply area hospitals from more than 8,000  
18 blood drives and donor centers; and

19 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide  
20 communications link between service members and their loved ones; the Red Cross  
21 supported our military families and veterans through more than 18,000 case services in  
22 Georgia by helping them send emergency messages and acquire financial assistance,  
23 counseling, and referrals throughout 2023; and

24 WHEREAS, the Red Cross worked with community partners to reduce fire-related deaths  
25 and injuries by installing more than 6,000 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helped  
26 residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign including  
27 Sound the Alarm events last year; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the significant contributions made  
29 by Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, who gave more than 238,000 hours of their time; bedside  
30 blood donors; financial donors; partners; and employees serving in communities statewide.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend the Red Cross for its efforts and recognize March 2024 as Red Cross Month in  
33 Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Red Cross.