
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CIRESI, MARKOSEK, MULLINS, SAINATO AND SAYLOR, MARCH 14, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2019 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, protect life
11 and health and 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 across this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 186,000 individuals are trained in
15 first aid, the proper way to perform CPR or the use of an
16 automatic external defibrillator; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has collected nearly 250,000
18 blood donations to meet the needs of individuals such as
19 accident victims, cancer patients, surgical candidates and
20 children with blood disorders; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 14,000 children participated in the
22 Pillowcase Project, a free interactive preparedness program
23 designed for children 8 to 11 years of age, that aims to
24 increase understanding of natural hazards and teach safety and
25 personal preparedness skills; and

26 WHEREAS, There were 6,600 American Red Cross volunteers
27 Statewide who donated time and energy to their communities; and

28 WHEREAS, Fiscal year 2017 saw more than 4,000 families
29 affected by a fire or flood disaster; and

30 WHEREAS, More than 11,500 residents received emergency

1 assistance for lodging, food, clothing and more; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has served thousands of
3 active duty military and veterans as well as their families with
4 more than 11,000 case services through their Service to Armed
5 Forces program; 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 has installed nearly 20,000
10 free lifesaving smoke alarms in nearly 9,000 homes across this
11 Commonwealth to help families escape in the event of a fire in
12 their home; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the start of the campaign in 2014, more than
14 75,000 free smoke alarms have been installed across this
15 Commonwealth in nearly 26,000 homes; and

16 WHEREAS, In the spring of 2019, the American Red Cross will
17 team up with local fire departments and community partners
18 across this Commonwealth to install thousands more smoke alarms
19 and teach families a home fire escape plan as part of its Sound
20 the Alarm and Save a Life campaign; and

21 WHEREAS, As the program continues, the American Red Cross's
22 goal is to have its 100,000th free smoke alarm installed in this
23 Commonwealth by the end of 2020; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is working to educate and
25 equip community members with fire safety plans which help
26 families understand how to evacuate their homes in the event of
27 a fire; and

28 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross makes no discrimination as to
29 nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political
30 opinions; and

1 WHEREAS, Services provided by the American Red Cross promote
2 mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace
3 among all people; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 American Red Cross, its employees and its volunteers for their
12 dedication, service and sacrifice to the communities and
13 residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 the American Red Cross, 2221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
16 19103.