Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1051

By: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Benge, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold) and Wright (John) of the House

and

Bass, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming March 1, 2010, to be Red Cross Day in Oklahoma; proclaiming March to be Red Cross Month in Oklahoma; and encouraging all Oklahomans to support the Red Cross and its mission.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role in our state, providing help and hope in the face of emergencies and disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, whether it be in southwestern Oklahoma where Red Cross and Baptist Disaster Relief teams partnered to feed nearly 25,000 meals to more than 3,000 individuals seeking shelter after their ice-ravaged communities were left in the dark for almost two weeks, or in the streets of Haiti, where one of the largest humanitarian relief efforts to date is being carried out by volunteers, the American Red Cross is as dedicated to the mission today as it was during the days of Clara Barton; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, U.S. Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission; and

WHEREAS, in World War I, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the Red Cross to raise funds to support emergency aid to the military, as mandated by the Red Cross Congressional Charter. At that time, the American Red Cross set a goal of $125,000,000.00 and in less than six weeks donations totaled nearly $146,000,000.00, a tribute to the overwhelming generosity of the American public; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to proclaim March as Red Cross Month and called on Americans to "rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross". President Roosevelt's call to action nearly 70 years ago started a tradition of designating March as Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and support the valuable work of the American Red Cross by making a financial contribution, donating blood, taking a life-saving class, or volunteering to help the Red Cross perform its mission; and

WHEREAS, every day, through its network of employees and nearly 10,000 volunteers in locations all across Oklahoma, the American Red Cross is there to save the day when disaster strikes or when a neighbor's house burns down; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is there when someone needs life-saving blood or needs the comfort of a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross connects military families with their loved ones in service and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross spreads humanitarian aid and goodwill to people down the street, across the country, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, our state depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times for the Red Cross and all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT March 1, 2010, is hereby proclaimed to be "Red Cross Day" in Oklahoma.

THAT the month of March 2010 is hereby proclaimed to be "Red Cross Month" in Oklahoma.

THAT all Oklahomans are hereby encouraged to support the American Red Cross and its noble humanitarian mission.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of March, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 3rd **day of** March, **20** 10, **at** 2:51 **o'clock** P **M.**

By: M. Susan Lovegi