Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1048

By: Dorman, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Enns, Faught, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kirby, Kouplen, Liebmann, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Steele, Stiles, Terrill, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams and Wright

A Resolution declaring March 2012 to be American Red Cross Month; and encouraging Oklahomans to support the American Red Cross

WHEREAS, less than ten miles from the steps of the Capitol last year, a large wildfire devastated neighborhoods in Oklahoma City and Edmond. Firefighters from across the state responded and worked around the clock to stop the flames before even greater damage could occur; and

WHEREAS, more than a dozen homes were destroyed that day and many more were evacuated. Due to dry conditions and high winds, it was a scene that played out across a large portion of Oklahoma in 2011. In fact, more than 1,700 wildfires burned more than 132,000 acres in 2011; and

WHEREAS, standing right behind the brave firefighters on the battle lines last year stood another group of men and women dedicated to public service and that group is the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, volunteers with the Red Cross opened shelters, provided emergency assistance to those affected and were there to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to hundreds of first responders, not only at last year's wildfires, but almost every day at home and apartment fires; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is committed to assuring a safe and adequate blood supply for our communities by holding close to 2,000 blood drives annually, just like the one being held here at the Capitol today. The American Red Cross also provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our residents depend on the 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 to all charitable organizations during challenging economic times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT March 2012 is hereby declared to be American Red Cross Month.

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

26th **day of** March, 20 12,

at 1:55 **o'clock** P. **M.**

By: Michelle R Day