Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: Dorman, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood and Wright

A Resolution declaring March to be American Red Cross Month.

WHEREAS, last year the American Red Cross in Oklahoma led relief efforts after tornadoes in Woodward and Norman and numerous wild fires across the state. This is in addition to the nearly daily response to house and apartment fires. These disasters damaged and destroyed numerous homes and evacuated hundreds of others; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the brave firefighters and other first responders who work tirelessly to help their communities, a dedicated group of men and women wearing red vests were there to support the families and first responders. They are the Red Cross volunteers; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers provided meals, snacks, shelter and comfort to those impacted by disasters through emergency assistance provided by the generosity of donors to help the organization perform its mission to alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, we thank the nearly fifty volunteers from Oklahoma who deployed to the East Coast to help with relief efforts in New York and New Jersey following Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross in Oklahoma is part of a national organization, not a government agency, and is chartered by the United States Congress, designating it as the entity to prepare for and respond to disasters in the United States as well as serve as the communications link between United States military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross helps prepare communities for disasters through preparedness education, including training in CPR and first aid. It is responsible for providing nearly forty percent of the country's blood supply through blood drives like the one being held today; and

WHEREAS, during Red Cross Month, we thank Oklahomans for supporting the Red Cross through donations, volunteering or blood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT March 2013 is hereby declared to be American Red Cross Month.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 19th day of March, 20 13, at 9:46 o'clock A. M.

By: