Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 50

By: Brooks, Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Boggs, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Rob), Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Shumate, Simpson, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing March 2014 as American Red Cross month in Oklahoma; applauding the contributions of Oklahoma's Red Cross volunteers and others; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Oklahoma by empowering our caring citizens to join in making a difference with life-saving skills and donations of time, talent, money and blood to help ease and prevent human suffering and to save lives down the street, across the country, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross, though not a government agency itself, is a valued partner that collaborates with Oklahoma's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all types; and

WHEREAS, last year, through a statewide network of chapters, Oklahoma's Red Cross provided food, clothing, shelter, first aid, mental health care and comfort after tornadoes in Moore, El Reno and Shawnee as well as during the almost daily response to house and apartment fires; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives every day, providing nearly 40 percent of the country's blood supply through blood drives across the state and country; and

WHEREAS, last year, Red Cross training programs, such as First Aid, CPR, use of an AED, and Water Safety, gave nearly 61,000 of our citizens the confidence and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide communications link between service members and their loved ones through emergency communications, referrals and briefings to family members on services available to them; and

WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission, and the Red Cross, in partnership with state and local agencies, is helping Oklahoma's families become safer, healthier and better prepared for the unexpected, whether natural disasters, manmade threats or health emergencies, through community presentations and digital outreach, including mobile apps that put practical information in the hands of users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins other states and Congress in recognizing March 2014 as American Red Cross month and calls on all Oklahomans to support this organization and its proud heritage.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the contributions of Oklahoma's Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners and employees for their dedication to helping their communities.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Janienne Bella, the Regional CEO of the American Red Cross.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of ~~March~~, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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