

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 359

WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters that affect our country, our communities, and our neighborhoods; the nation depends on the Red Cross in times of need and the Red Cross depends on the support of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Each year, during the month of March, the nation formally recognizes the American Red Cross and its essential role in our community; in this state, citizens honor the Red Cross's contribution to making Texas a better place; this month presents the opportunity to focus on the spirit of the volunteers, donors, partners, and employees who support the Red Cross mission of humanitarianism; and

WHEREAS, For years, the Red Cross in Texas has relied on the everyday heroes who donate time, blood, or money--heroes who help coordinate blood drives and provide assistance to those affected by disasters like fires, tornados, and floods; these heroes give of themselves to make things better for those around them and those they have never met; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, the Red Cross chapters in Texas responded to thousands of local emergencies, assisted hundreds of military families, and trained tens of thousands of people in lifesaving skills such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid; and

WHEREAS, Texas Red Cross chapters and over 70,000 volunteers and donors provide valuable tools and education to individuals, families, workplaces, and schools; volunteers and donors are the heart of the Red Cross, donating their time, energy, and resources to selflessly serve those in need and demonstrating the compassion and generosity for which Texans are known; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize March of 2009 as American Red Cross Month in the State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Red Cross Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate