

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1018

By: Young of the House

and

Floyd of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Resolution expressing appreciation and best wishes
11 for the American Red Cross; recognizing March as
 American Red Cross month; and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, created by Clara Barton in 1881, the American Red Cross
15 has evolved to be a charitable organization that is unmatched in
16 terms of its volunteer support, its core membership, and its
17 historic tradition as a force of goodwill and humanitarianism in the
18 face of crisis; and

19 WHEREAS, today's American Red Cross is a humanitarian
20 organization led by volunteers who provide relief to victims of
21 disasters and who aid in the prevention, preparation, and response
22 to emergencies. Every day and night, across Oklahoma, the American
23 Red Cross responded to man-made and natural disasters, offered
24 emergency communications to our servicemembers in Armed Forces and

1 their families, provided training for disaster preparedness, health
2 and safety for our citizens and provided lifesaving blood to
3 patients in need. This state is a safe and more prepared place
4 because of this respected institution and its selfless volunteers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the
7 month of March 1943 "Red Cross Month", and this tradition of yearly
8 Presidential Proclamations has since stood as a proud and unwavering
9 symbol of this country's determined volunteer spirit and its most
10 noble ideals; and

11 WHEREAS, this Honorable Body commends the American Red Cross,
12 including the esteemed chapters in Oklahoma, and honors each
13 President's declaration of March as American Red Cross Month. This
14 Body also commends the volunteers of the American Red Cross, both in
15 this great state and across this nation, and expresses appreciation
16 for their service and dedication to the greater good.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its profound
21 appreciation for the founders and volunteers of the American Red
22 Cross across Oklahoma and the rest of the country, and wishes the
23 organization the very best in its ongoing pursuit of a better,
24 safer, and healthier world.

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, in accordance with the
2 Proclamation of President Barack Obama, recognizes March as American
3 Red Cross Month, and proudly observes and acknowledges the American
4 Red Cross as a vital force in Oklahoma's response to emergencies and
5 natural and man-made disasters.

6 THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to Bonnie
7 McElveen-Hunter, Chairman, Board of Governors, American Red Cross,
8 Gail J. McGovern, President and Chief Executive Officer, American
9 Red Cross, and Brad Barghols, Chief Executive Officer, American Red
10 Cross serving Oklahoma and Arkansas.

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