



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

March 16, 2021 - Introduced by Senators BALLWEG, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, JACQUE, JOHNSON, MARKLEIN, PFAFF, RINGHAND and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives JAMES, BALDEH, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DITTRICH, DRAKE, EDMING, EMERSON, GUNDRUM, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, ROZAR, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, STUBBS, SUBECK, THIESFELDT, VRUWINK, WITKE, OLDENBURG, SPREITZER and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming the month of March 2021 as American Red Cross Month
2 throughout the state of Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, since the early 1900s, the American Red Cross has played a critical
4 role in helping the residents of Wisconsin prevent, prepare for, and respond to
5 emergencies; and

6 Whereas, the American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 777
7 disasters throughout the state last year, providing emergency assistance to 1,470
8 families affected by fires, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters, which included
9 opening numerous noncongregate COVID-19 safe shelters, opening virtual
10 multiagency resource centers, reaching 1,912 youth from 1st to 3rd grade using
11 virtual disaster education, distributing thousands of relief items, safely serving
12 more than 7,000 meals and snacks, delivering over 500 cases of water, and providing
13 325 mental health contacts to respond to the local fires and summer floods; and

14 Whereas, in 2020, more than 1,912 households were made safer and thousands
15 of persons learned to prevent and prepare for disasters through American Red Cross

1 community disaster virtual and in-class education programs, which included the
2 installation of 4,620 free smoke alarms to citizens' homes before the pandemic hit;
3 and

4 Whereas, more than 60,979 Wisconsin citizens are prepared to help their
5 neighbors during a crisis because they have been trained in Red Cross lifesaving
6 classes, such as CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics, and
7 babysitting; and

8 Whereas, last year, the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services
9 caseworkers provided 6,103 services to military members, veterans, families, and
10 loved ones; and

11 Whereas, countless lives were saved because over 174,453 people donated blood
12 at 5,622 blood drives, and over 25 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross
13 Biomedical Services; and

14 Whereas, the Red Cross is a partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland
15 Security and Wisconsin Emergency Management, working to ensure that the people
16 of Wisconsin are prepared for disasters; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
18 Legislature does hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as American Red Cross
19 Month throughout the state of Wisconsin.

20 (END)