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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2021 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN
ARKANSAS.

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WHEREAS, founded in 1881 by Clara Barton to serve people in need, the American Red Cross received the first congressional charter in 1900, and continues today with the task from the United States Government to provide service to members of the United States Armed Forces and their families and to provide disaster relief in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, neighbor helping neighbor is one of the goals of the American Red Cross, and in the Missouri-Arkansas region alone, there are nearly three thousand (3,000) volunteers, over one hundred twenty-two thousand six hundred (122,600) blood donors, and twenty-five thousand (25,000) donors; and

WHEREAS, in the July 2019 to June 2020 fiscal year, the American Red Cross rendered emergency assistance to six thousand three hundred (6,300) people in need due to disasters; installed one thousand nine hundred (1,900) smoke alarms in seven hundred sixty-five (765) Arkansas homes; provided support to service members, veterans, and their families facing emergencies in four thousand four hundred (4,400) case services; trained sixteen thousand one hundred (16,100) individuals in first aid and other lifesaving skills to respond quickly in a crisis; and collected twenty-five thousand five hundred (25,500) units of blood and platelets to provide patients with lifesaving



blood; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the kindness and dedication of the volunteers and the organization of the American Red Cross that touches millions of lives each year in carrying out the mission of preventing and alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt first proclaimed March as Red Cross Month in 1943, recognizing that the organization's lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our nation's resilience,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize and support the mission of the American Red Cross and proclaim March 2021 American Red Cross Month in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the executive directors of the Arkansas chapters of the American Red Cross by the Secretary of the Senate.