

By: Senator Dees

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month is an annual tradition that began eighty-two (82) years ago in 1943 when former President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a presidential proclamation in an effort to raise funds for aid during World War II; and

WHEREAS, every United States president since 1943 has made the same proclamation, year after year, to honor the amazing American Red Cross volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters; and

WHEREAS, this March, American Red Cross Month is being celebrated by recognizing the compassionate acts of people in the State of Arkansas and by renewing a commitment to lend a helping hand to neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, since Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross more than one hundred forty (140) years ago, generation after generation has stepped up to deliver relief and care across the nation and around the world, bringing out the best of humanity in times of crisis; and



WHEREAS, advancing this noble mission, the volunteers, blood and platelet donors, and supporters who now give back through the American Red Cross remain unwavering in their commitment to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of today's crises; and

WHEREAS, the generous contributions of these volunteers, donors, and supporters shine a beacon of hope in people's darkest hours, whether by delivering shelter, food, and comfort during disasters, providing critical blood donations for hospital patients, supporting service members, veterans, and their families, saving lives with first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillation, and other skills, or delivering international aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, this work to uplift communities is made possible by those who selflessly answer the call to help, whenever and wherever that needed, so the month of March is recognized in honor of their remarkable service, and all are asked to join in their commitment to care for one another,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize March 2025 as American Red Cross Month and support the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.