

Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 152 (Davies) – As Introduced March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: American Red Cross Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month and encourages all Californians to join in the organization's commitment to care for people in need. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in California, across the United States, and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 145-year-old mission of preventing and alleviating suffering.
- 2) Here in California, local families have relied on American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with over 3,000 local disasters. Last year, over 25,000 California volunteers assisted with small and large disasters, such as the devastating wildfires. Volunteers also helped over 5,000 people affected by home fires in the state by addressing their urgent needs, including food, lodging, and recovery support.
- 3) California volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year, almost 400,000 people enrolled in training classes that taught lifesaving skills, such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water safety, and caregiving. The American Red Cross provided services to military members, veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were opened to assist in various ways.
- 4) Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In California, the American Red Cross collects over 330,000 units of red blood cells each year. In addition, over 130,000 units of platelets are collected each year to help treat trauma and cancer patients.
- 5) Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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