

## ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 152 (Davies)

As Introduced March 2, 2026

Majority vote

**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.

**Major Provisions**

- 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.

**COMMENTS****According to the Author**

ACR 152 recognizes the extraordinary service of the American Red Cross and the thousands of volunteers who work tirelessly to support communities in times of need. From responding to disasters and supporting military families to maintaining the nation's blood supply, the Red Cross plays a critical role in protecting public health and safety. By proclaiming March 2026 as American Red Cross Month, this measure honors the organization's legacy, founded by Clara Barton, and encourages Californians to support its vital humanitarian mission.

**Arguments in Support**

None on file

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**VOTES**

**ASM RULES: 10-0-0**

**YES:** Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

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