
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 152
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Introduced: 3/2/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: American Red Cross Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims March 2026 as American Red Cross Month, dedicates it to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of the organization's founder, and encourages all Californians to reach out, support the organization's humanitarian mission, and join in their commitment to care for people in need.

ANALYSIS: 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, water safety, and caregiving. The American Red Cross provided services to military members, veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were open to assist in various ways.

- 4) Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Nationwide, the American Red Cross provides 40% of the country's blood supply. 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. Blood products are also essential for surgeries and chronic illnesses.
- 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.

This resolution proclaims the month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month and dedicates it to all those who continue to advance Clara Barton's noble legacy.

Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 139 (Rodriguez, Resolution Chapter 30, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 20 (Rodriguez, Resolution Chapter 33, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

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