

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 010137)

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the month of March as the American Red Cross Month.

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman selflessly devoted to the needs of humanity, and chartered in the City of Philadelphia in 1916; and

WHEREAS, Compassion, courage, character, civic duty - are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering, and the City of Philadelphia shares these grand ideals; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter responded to more than 850 disasters last year- providing thousands of City residents with food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, People have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play. Last year, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter trained 310,000 people in lifesaving CPR and first aid, as well as the state-of-the-art Automatic External Defibrillator, which will save approximately 100,000 lives this year nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross reached more than 40,000 students in the School District of Philadelphia last year with some form of health, safety, leadership, or disaster education training; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, through its Penn-Jersey Blood Region, provides lifesaving blood and blood products whenever and wherever needed - always with the safety of the blood supply as its number one priority; and

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WHEREAS, In 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the American people with this request: "

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the first of March, 2001.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers DiCicco, Blackwell, Longstreth, Council President Verna and Mariano

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ortiz, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Cohen, Tasco, Krajewski, Miller, Clarke, Kenney, Nutter and O'Neill

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