2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

February 20, 2007 - Introduced by Senators Wirch, Carpenter, Cowles, ERPENBACH, GROTHMAN, HANSEN, LAZICH, LEHMAN, LEIBHAM, MILLER, OLSEN, PLALE, RISSER and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Boyle, Gunderson, Hahn, Hintz, Hraychuck, Kerkman, Lothian, A. Ott, Owens, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, SHERIDAN, SINICKI, SOLETSKI, TOWNSEND, VAN ROY and WASSERMAN, Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: declaring March 2007American Red Cross Month.

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Whereas, each year during the month of March we recognize the humanitarian 3 service and the lifesaving programs of the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, part of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the American Red Cross was formed 125 years ago and chartered by Congress to provide aid and comfort in times of crisis; and

Whereas, since the early years of twentieth century, the Red Cross in Wisconsin has played a critical role in helping our citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 878 local disasters throughout the state of Wisconsin last year, providing emergency assistance to 1,300 families affected by fire, flood, tornadoes, and other disasters. In 2006, 85,932 persons learned to prevent and prepare for disasters by participating in Red Cross community disaster education programs; and

1	Whereas, 240,000 Wisconsin individuals are prepared to help their neighbors
2	in a crisis because they have been trained in Red Cross lifesaving classes. These
3	classes include CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics,
4	babysitting, and HIV/AIDS education; and
5	Whereas, Wisconsin Red Cross chapters served 361,944 people in 2006 through
6	a variety of community programs, including transportation services and initiatives
7	for low-income, elderly, and special-needs populations; and
8	Whereas, armed forces emergency services caseworkers transmitted 4,263
9	emergency messages between members of the armed forces and their families and
10	loved ones; and
11	Whereas, countless lives were saved last year because 214,834 people donated
12	blood and 69 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross biomedical services; now,
13	therefore, be it
14	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
15	Wisconsin legislature proclaim March 2007 as American Red Cross Month in the
16	state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and be it further
17	Resolved, That the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to become
18	partners with the American Red Cross in emergency preparedness by learning how
19	to respond to emergencies and by donating blood, time, and financial resources in
20	support of the Red Cross mission; and be it further
21	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
22	resolution to the American Red Cross.
23	(END)