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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** declaring March 2007 American Red Cross Month.

Whereas, each year during the month of March we recognize the humanitarian 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

Whereas, 240,000 Wisconsin individuals are prepared to help their neighbors in a crisis because they have been trained in Red Cross lifesaving classes. These classes include CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics, babysitting, and HIV/AIDS education; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Red Cross chapters served 361,944 people in 2006 through a variety of community programs, including transportation services and initiatives for low-income, elderly, and special-needs populations; and

Whereas, armed forces emergency services caseworkers transmitted 4,263 emergency messages between members of the armed forces and their families and loved ones; and

Whereas, countless lives were saved last year because 214,834 people donated blood and 69 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross biomedical services; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim March 2007 as American Red Cross Month in the state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and be it further

**Resolved, That** the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to become partners with the American Red Cross in emergency preparedness by learning how to respond to emergencies and by donating blood, time, and financial resources in support of the Red Cross mission; and be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the American Red Cross.

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Representative Michael D. Huebsch  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk