



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

March 8, 2005 – Introduced by Senators BROWN, DARLING, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, HARSDORF, KAPANKE, KEDZIE, LAZICH, OLSEN, RISSER and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, ALBERS, GIELOW, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HINES, HUNDERTMARK, JESKEWITZ, KERKMAN, MEYER, GUNDERSON, VRUWINK, SHERIDAN, VRAKAS, PETTIS, VAN ROY, TOWNSEND, POPE-ROBERTS, VOS and M. WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** declaring March 2005 American Red Cross Month.

2 Whereas, the American Red Cross has an unparalleled record of helping
3 Wisconsin residents prevent, prepare for, and respond to life-threatening
4 emergencies; and

5 Whereas, last year, Red Cross volunteers throughout the state responded to
6 1,006 disasters and provided direct emergency assistance to 1,429 Wisconsin
7 families. Major responses included flooding and tornadoes that impacted 44 counties
8 throughout the state. Another 69,867 state residents took action to prepare for
9 emergencies by participating in American Red Cross community disaster education
10 programs; and

11 Whereas, the American Red Cross taught 113,790 Wisconsin residents to save
12 lives last year in first aid, CPR, and automated external defibrillator training.
13 Another 128,433 state residents participated in American Red Cross aquatic
14 programs; and

1 Whereas, Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services caseworkers
2 transmitted 3,124 emergency messages for Wisconsin families of U.S. military
3 members, and provided informational briefing for 6,456 Wisconsin members of the
4 armed forces and their families in 2004; and

5 Whereas, the American Red Cross served 528,268 Wisconsin residents last year
6 through various community programs including transportation services, and
7 initiatives for low-income, elderly, and special-needs populations; and

8 Whereas, American Red Cross services for Wisconsin residents were provided
9 in 2004 by 16,633 dedicated volunteers working to carry out the Red Cross mission.
10 In addition, American Red Cross blood donors throughout the state donated 175,689
11 units of blood, plasma, and platelets, which helped patients in 52 Wisconsin hospitals
12 last year; and

13 Whereas, joining the American Red Cross as a volunteer, course participant or
14 instructor, financial contributor, or blood donor can help make Wisconsin safer; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature proclaim the month of March 2005 as American Red Cross
18 Month in the state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and,
19 be it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** as we celebrate American Red Cross Month, the members of
21 the legislature call upon all our citizens to become partners in emergency
22 preparedness with their local American Red Cross chapters and to become active
23 participants by giving time, financial contributions, and blood to support this worthy
24 organization's mission to prevent and relieve suffering and save lives; and, be it
25 further

