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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2021 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN  
9 ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2021 AMERICAN RED CROSS  
14 MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

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17 WHEREAS, founded in 1881 by Clara Barton to serve people in need, the  
18 American Red Cross received the first congressional charter in 1900, and  
19 continues today with the task from the United States Government to provide  
20 service to members of the United States Armed Forces and their families and  
21 to provide disaster relief in the United States and around the world; and  
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23 WHEREAS, neighbor helping neighbor is one of the goals of the American  
24 Red Cross, and in the Missouri-Arkansas region alone, there are nearly three  
25 thousand (3,000) volunteers, over one hundred twenty-two thousand six hundred  
26 (122,600) blood donors, and twenty-five thousand (25,000) donors; and  
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28 WHEREAS, in the July 2019 to June 2020 fiscal year, the American Red  
29 Cross rendered emergency assistance to six thousand three hundred (6,300)  
30 people in need due to disasters; installed one thousand nine hundred (1,900)  
31 smoke alarms in seven hundred sixty-five (765) Arkansas homes; provided  
32 support to service members, veterans, and their families facing emergencies  
33 in four thousand four hundred (4,400) case services; trained sixteen thousand  
34 one hundred (16,100) individuals in first aid and other lifesaving skills to  
35 respond quickly in a crisis; and collected twenty-five thousand five hundred  
36 (25,500) units of blood and platelets to provide patients with lifesaving



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3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the kindness and dedication of the  
4 volunteers and the organization of the American Red Cross that touches  
5 millions of lives each year in carrying out the mission of preventing and  
6 alleviating suffering; and

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8 WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt first proclaimed March as Red  
9 Cross Month in 1943, recognizing that the organization's lifesaving work is  
10 vital to strengthening our nation's resilience,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 THAT the Senate recognize and support the mission of the American Red  
17 Cross and proclaim March 2021 American Red Cross Month in Arkansas.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
20 copy shall be provided to the executive directors of the Arkansas chapters of  
21 the American Red Cross by the Secretary of the Senate.

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