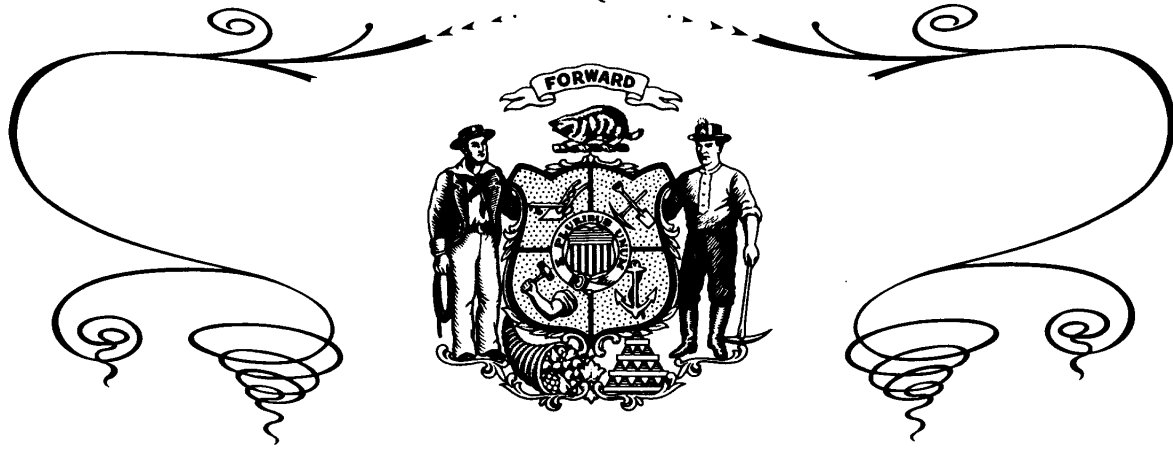


State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 14

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Month throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, for more than 100 years, the American Red Cross of Wisconsin has provided aid and resources to people in the Badger State to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is a partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Wisconsin Emergency Management, working to ensure that the people of Wisconsin are prepared for disasters; and

Whereas, the Red Cross offers educational programs that promote health and safety; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; and international relief and development programs; and

Whereas, in fiscal year 2021-22, the American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 856 disasters throughout the state, provided emergency assistance and comfort to 4,024 people after local disasters, and distributed thousands of relief items; and

Whereas, more than 3,648 households were made safer and thousands of people learned to prevent and prepare for disasters through American Red Cross education programs, which included the installation of 2,527 free smoke alarms in Wisconsin homes; and

Whereas, 68,868 Wisconsinites are prepared to help their neighbors during a crisis because they have been trained in American Red Cross lifesaving classes, such as CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, water safety, and lifeguarding; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross provided nearly 136,000 critical community services to military members, veterans, families, and loved ones, including 3,385 service cases and 8,069 comfort and care items distributed in the state of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, countless lives were saved because over 231,486 people donated blood at 4,225 American Red Cross blood drives throughout Wisconsin; and

Whereas, through its network of compassionate donors, volunteers, and employees, the mission of the American Red Cross continues; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Month throughout the state of

Wisconsin to show our support for their humanitarian work sharing a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here in Wisconsin and around the world.

Senator Chris Kapenga
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk