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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In Illinois, the contributions of more than 3,500
3 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in
4 their darkest hours; and

5 WHEREAS, The Red Cross provides emergency shelter, food,
6 and comfort for families devastated by local disasters and
7 responds to approximately 2,000 disasters annually throughout
8 Illinois, most of which are home fires; and

9 WHEREAS, The Red Cross donates blood for accident and burn
10 victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and
11 those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell
12 disease and annually collects more than 150,000 units of blood
13 at 5,000 blood drives in Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, The Red Cross supports service members and
15 veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through
16 the unique challenges of military life, and local Red Cross
17 volunteers facilitate more than 9,000 emergency services for
18 the military annually; and

19 WHEREAS, The Red Cross helps to save the lives of others
20 with first aid, CPR, and other skills, and annually, local Red
21 Cross volunteers train approximately 100,000 people in

1 lifesaving skills; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of
4 March 2024 as Red Cross Month and March 14, 2024 as Red Cross
5 Giving Day in the State of Illinois in honor of all who fulfill
6 Clara Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything
7 except the need and how to meet it"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge everyone to join in the commitment
9 to give to others, and we encourage all citizens of Illinois to
10 support the noble efforts of the Red Cross; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the American Red Cross as a symbol of our respect
13 and esteem.