

SENATE RESOLUTION 49

(By Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Rucker)

[Introduced April 10, 2025]

1 Recognizing May 8, 2025, as World Red Cross Day and Red Crescent Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, On May 8, 2025, World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, we take this time to
3 celebrate the spirit of humanitarianism and recognize the individuals who make a difference in
4 their communities. We recognize the compassion of the volunteers throughout the Central
5 Appalachia Region of the American Red Cross and reaffirm our commitment to care for one
6 another in times of crisis; and

7 Whereas, This generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the
8 humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, one of the most honored
9 women in our country's history who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

10 Whereas, Today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton's commitment
11 as they provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless
12 contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours, whether it's delivering
13 shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients;
14 supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service;
15 saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones
16 separated by global crises; and

17 Whereas, In 2024 in West Virginia, the American Red Cross assisted nearly 900 families
18 impacted by disaster, collected nearly 40,000 units of blood at nearly 1,700 blood drives, provided
19 lifesaving training to over 20,000 people and supported nearly 80 military members, veterans and
20 their families with the help from a dozen local volunteers; and

1 Whereas, We hereby recognize May 8, 2025, as World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
2 at the Legislature in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we
3 ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community; therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate:*

5 That the Senate hereby recognizes May 8, 2025, as World Red Cross Day and Red
6 Crescent Day at the Legislature; and, be it

7 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
8 Krista Farley Raines, Regional Communications Director, American Red Cross Central
9 Appalachian Region office.