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A resolution recognizing the critical mission of the American Red Cross in Florida and its Prepare Florida campaign.

6 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian 7 organization founded in 1881 and originally chartered by 8 Congress as a federal instrumentality in 1900, but receives no 9 federal funding, and

10 WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 133rd anniversary of the American 11 Red Cross and the centennial of the organization's first 12 chartered chapter in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, and

16 WHEREAS, American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, 17 and 91 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to mission 18 service delivery, and

19 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has answered the call to 20 assist and prepare Floridians before, during, and after 21 disasters since 1901, and

22 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross in Florida, composed of 23 five regions, has developed a 3-year, multi-million dollar 24 statewide preparedness campaign, and

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WHEREAS, the Prepare Florida campaign has specific

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26	preparedness goals to increase feeding capacity from 250,000 to
27	500,000 meals per day; to increase outreach from 177,500 to
28	350,000 people; to increase volunteers from 4,500 to 10,000
29	trained community leaders; to train 500,000 people in life-
30	saving first aid/CPR/AED skills; and to procure 15 new emergency
31	response vehicles over a 3-year period, and
32	WHEREAS, March is recognized as "American Red Cross Month"
33	across this nation, and
34	WHEREAS, the preparedness goals outlined in the American
35	Red Cross Prepare Florida campaign and the organization's call
36	for every resident of this state to assemble a disaster
37	preparedness kit, make a plan, and be informed before a natural
38	or man-made disaster strikes will save lives, NOW, THEREFORE,
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40	Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41	Florida:
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43	That the American Red Cross in Florida and its Prepare
44	Florida campaign are recognized for their critical mission and
45	service to the State of Florida.