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2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 20

February 22, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Ballweg, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Boyle, Gunderson, Hahn, Hintz, Kerkman, Lothian, A. Ott, Owens, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Soletski, Townsend, Van Roy, Wasserman and M. Williams, cosponsored by Senators Wirch, Carpenter, Cowles, Erpenbach, Grothman, Hansen, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: declaring March 2007American Red Cross Month.

Whereas, each year during the month of March we recognize the humanitarian service and the lifesaving programs of the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, part of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the American Red Cross was formed 125 years ago and chartered by Congress to provide aid and comfort in times of crisis; and

Whereas, since the early years of twentieth century, the Red Cross in Wisconsin has played a critical role in helping our citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded to 878 local disasters throughout the state of Wisconsin last year, providing emergency assistance to 1,300 families affected by fire, flood, tornadoes, and other disasters. In 2006, 85,932 persons learned to prevent and prepare for disasters by participating in Red Cross community disaster education programs; and

Whereas, 240,000 Wisconsin individuals are prepared to help their neighbors
in a crisis because they have been trained in Red Cross lifesaving classes. These
classes include CPR, use of automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics,
babysitting, and HIV/AIDS education; and
Whereas, Wisconsin Red Cross chapters served 361,944 people in 2006 through
a variety of community programs, including transportation services and initiatives
for low-income, elderly, and special-needs populations; and
Whereas, armed forces emergency services caseworkers transmitted 4,263
emergency messages between members of the armed forces and their families and
loved ones; and
Whereas, countless lives were saved last year because 214,834 people donated
blood and 69 Wisconsin hospitals were served by Red Cross biomedical services; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin legislature proclaim March 2007 as American Red Cross Month in the
state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and be it further
Resolved, That the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to become
partners with the American Red Cross in emergency preparedness by learning how
to respond to emergencies and by donating blood, time, and financial resources in
support of the Red Cross mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
resolution to the American Red Cross.

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