

Senate Resolution 1011

By: Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Goodman of the 8th, Jackson of the 41st, Payne of the 54th, Parent of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross and recognizing March 2026 as Red Cross Month;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in March, we celebrate Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make
4 its humanitarian mission possible in Georgia; every day, their acts of kindness change lives,
5 bringing relief, comfort and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep
6 in our community, just as it has for 145 years through the American Red Cross; and

7 WHEREAS, those who serve with the Georgia region light the way during emergencies,
8 whether it's delivering shelter, food, and comfort after disasters; providing a safe, lifesaving
9 blood supply for patients facing conditions such as cancer treatments, childbirth
10 complications, and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans, and their families
11 with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that
12 save lives; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2025, Red Cross volunteers from Georgia responded to local disasters and
14 deployed to national disasters, including the Los Angeles wildfires and Typhoon Halong in
15 Alaska. The Red Cross helped over 12,900 individuals affected by more than 2,700 local

16 disasters such as home fires in Georgia by addressing their urgent needs, including food,
17 lodging, and recovery support; and

18 WHEREAS, the more than 4,200 Red Cross of Georgia volunteers have also supported their
19 communities in other ways. Last year, across the state, the Red Cross of Georgia collected
20 more than 188,000 units of blood at over 8,100 blood drives and donor centers, in addition
21 to more than 42,100 units of platelets and 1,400 units of plasma that helped save lives. The
22 Red Cross team has also supported those in the United States military, veterans, and their
23 families through more than 15,800 case services; furthermore, the organization also trained
24 more than 99,900 people in first aid, CPR, AED, and water safety courses; and

25 WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission and, along with
26 community partners, the organization helped to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries last
27 year by installing over 6,000 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and assisting residents with
28 fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign; and

29 WHEREAS, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our
30 community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we mark Red Cross Month, let
31 us celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue lifting each other up so no one faces an
32 emergency alone.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend the American Red Cross for its efforts and recognize March 2026 as Red Cross
35 Month.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the American Red
38 Cross.