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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 38**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley**

March 20, 2013

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to American Red Cross Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 38, as amended, Cooley. American Red Cross Month.

This measure would recognize the month of ~~March 2013~~ 2014 as American Red Cross Month in California in order to raise awareness of the importance of the organization's help to those in need.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special  
2 time to recognize and thank our heroes— those who volunteer,  
3 donate blood, take life-saving courses, or provide financial  
4 donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those  
5 in need; and  
6     WHEREAS, In California, the American Red Cross works  
7 tirelessly through its 435 employees and 27,245 volunteers to help  
8 when disaster strikes or when someone needs life-saving blood or  
9 the comfort of a helping hand; and  
10    WHEREAS, The American Red Cross provides 24-hour support  
11 to members of the military, veterans, and their families, and  
12 provides training in CPR, aquatic safety, and first aid; and  
13    WHEREAS, Across the country, the American Red Cross  
14 responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year; and

1 WHEREAS, Emergency communications, training, support to  
2 wounded warriors and veterans, and access to community resources  
3 help an average of 150,000 military families and veterans annually;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross collects and distributes  
6 approximately 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains  
7 more than seven million people in first aid, water safety, and other  
8 life-saving skills every year; and

9 WHEREAS, Our community depends on the American Red  
10 Cross, which relies on donations of time, money, and blood to  
11 fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic  
12 times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort  
13 to those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is the nation's leading  
15 provider of health and safety courses, including CPR, First Aid,  
16 and Lifeguard training, and each year more than nine million  
17 Americans participate in their training programs, including first  
18 responders, educators, babysitters, and people who want to be  
19 prepared to help others in an emergency; and

20 WHEREAS, We would like to remember those who help all of  
21 us here in California by giving their time to help their neighbor,  
22 and thank our heroes— our volunteers, blood donors, class  
23 participants, and financial supporters who help the American Red  
24 Cross assist those in need; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
27 ~~March-2013~~ 2014 as American Red Cross Month in California, in  
28 order to raise awareness of the importance of the organization's  
29 help to those in need; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.