

1                                   **COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY**  
2                                   **OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN UTAH**

3   1998 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: David M. Jones**

6   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR  
7   RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SALT LAKE AREA  
8   CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS; AND COMMENDING THE CHAPTER  
9   FOR A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

10 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

11           WHEREAS the American Red Cross, led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional  
12 Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, helps people  
13 prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies;

14           WHEREAS for 100 years, the Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter of the American Red Cross  
15 has been proudly serving the community, constantly changing and adapting to meet the needs of  
16 the constituents throughout its service area, which includes Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Wasatch,  
17 and South Davis Counties;

18           WHEREAS the Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter of the American Red Cross's beginnings  
19 can be traced to May of 1898, when over 100 women provided comfort kits and meals to the men  
20 called to serve in the Spanish American War;

21           WHEREAS beginning in 1917, the Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter of the American Red  
22 Cross began helping families cope with problems associated with losing loved ones in the military,  
23 coping with family illness, death, and general well being, as well as classes in first aid and home  
24 nursing and Canteen Service to assist with wartime needs;

25           WHEREAS the local Red Cross provided nursing services throughout the state during the  
26 Spanish Influenza epidemic of 1918;

27           WHEREAS in 1932, the Red Cross became involved with disaster services in Utah when

1 it was determined it was the organization best able to care for the victims of a Bingham fire;

2 WHEREAS since then, disaster services has grown from a program which helped those  
3 struck by disaster, to one that seeks to help people prevent disasters through proper education and  
4 preparation;

5 WHEREAS the Red Cross was also heavily involved in easing burdens created by the  
6 Great Depression and faced even greater demand for its services during World War II;

7 WHEREAS the Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter began a Utility Assistance Program in  
8 1982 to assist low income people who are elderly, disabled, or have medical emergencies;

9 WHEREAS in 1986 an AIDS awareness prevention program was begun, and in the 1990's  
10 came the initiation of a Migrant Farm Worker Program and a Nurse Aide Program;

11 WHEREAS the American Red Cross provides disaster planning, preparedness, community  
12 disaster education and mitigation, prompt relief to victims of major disasters, and emergency  
13 communications and supporting social services;

14 WHEREAS the American Red Cross is also the leading provider of prompt relief to  
15 victims of single family disaster, access to emergency financial assistance for members of the  
16 armed forces and their families, first aid and CPR education and training, life guarding, swimming  
17 and water safety education and training, HIV/AIDS prevention education, mission-related care  
18 giving for the elderly and other priority groups, information and training on International  
19 Humanitarian Law, and blood donor recruitment;

20 WHEREAS the American Red Cross continues to develop sufficient financial support to  
21 deliver mission-related services to people in need;

22 WHEREAS the Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting  
23 the American Red Cross's 73rd National Convention in May, 1998; and

24 WHEREAS communities in Utah have been well served by the efforts of the Greater Salt  
25 Lake Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, and their services will lighten the burdens of many  
26 more of Utah's citizens in the future:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
28 Governor concurring therein, recognize the 100th anniversary of the Greater Salt Lake Area  
29 Chapter of the American Red Cross, and commend the chapter for its century of service to  
30 communities in the state of Utah.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commend the

1 Greater Salt Lake Area Chapter for their hosting of the 73rd National Convention of the American  
2 Red Cross in May, 1998.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Greater Salt  
4 Lake Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**