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Committee(s) Assignment:	

SALUTE TO AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, Clara Barton and a circle of acquaintances founded the American Red Cross on May 21, 1881; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, chartered by the United States Congress, is organized to provide disaster relief and mitigation locally, nationally, and internationally and serve as a medium of communication between members of the American armed forces, among other services; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region, one of the largest of 104 Red Cross regional chapters in the United States, serves 9.5 million people in the City of Chicago, Cook County, and 12 other neighboring counties in Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region responds to an average of three local disasters every day, mostly home fires, helping more than 4800 residents in 2011 with disaster assistance, nearly half of whom are children; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region staff and volunteers also deployed across the United States to help other communities affected by disasters, including in response to Hurricane Irene, tornadoes in Alabama and Joplin, Missouri, flooding and a tornado in Arkansas and flooding in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Each year the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region teaches more than 300,000 people life saving and emergency preparedness skills; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, FEMA awarded the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region with its Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness for training more than 55,000 youth and their families in over 20 different low income neighborhoods, mostly in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, More than 4900 volunteers help the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region deliver services; and

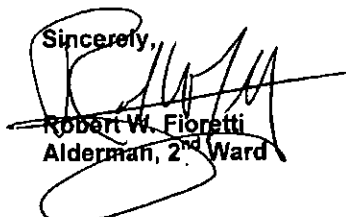
WHEREAS, In 2011, 2650 local military service members and their families, attended "Get to Know Us before You Need Us" predeployment briefings offered by the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region, and nearly 443 other people took local classes to learn about International Humanitarian Law and Exploring Humanitarian Law; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is the Honorary Chairman of the American Red Cross, and each year proclaims the month of March as National Red Cross Month; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of the remarkable work of this noteworthy agency, the Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward has apprised this august body of the agency's significant milestones; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and the members of the the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together on The 15th Day of February, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the noble work of the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region in helping people in Chicago and throughout the country and declare the month of March of 2012 to be "American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region Month" throughout the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Francesca Maher Edwardson, the director of the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Region.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward