

## HJR69 ENROLLED



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9 RFD: Rules

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 DESIGNATING JANUARY AS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH.

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5 WHEREAS, 56 years ago, January was designated as  
6 National Blood Donor Month, as an annual observance meant to  
7 honor voluntary blood donors and encourage more people to  
8 donate blood at a time when blood supplies were historically  
9 low; and

10 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers have been  
11 serving Alabama with the collection and distribution of  
12 lifesaving blood and blood products to patients in our local  
13 hospitals for more than 30 years; and

14 WHEREAS, in our communities, the need for a diverse  
15 blood supply is constant, but the supply is not, making  
16 volunteer blood donors the foundation for ensuring a safe  
17 and stable supply of blood products is available to help  
18 meet the medical needs of patients nationwide; and

19 WHEREAS, a blood transfusion occurs in the U.S. every  
20 two seconds but only three percent of the eligible  
21 population actually donates blood, bringing about chronic  
22 blood shortages nationwide which have exposed the  
23 vulnerability of our nation's blood supply and revealed its  
24 need to be included in emergency preparedness plans; and

25 WHEREAS, O negative is the universal blood type,  
26 represented by just six percent of the population and often  
27 used in trauma situations, making it the most needed blood  
28 type and most likely to be in short supply when there is a



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29 blood emergency; and

30 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers serve  
31 Emergency Medical Services in the State of Alabama, allowing  
32 EMS to transfuse trauma victims at the scene of an accident  
33 before arrival at the hospital, increasing survival rates;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, patients requiring blood transfusions  
36 include cancer patients; accident, burn, or trauma victims;  
37 newborn babies and their mothers; transplant recipients;  
38 surgery patients; chronically transfused patients suffering  
39 from sickle cell disease or thalassemia; and many more; now  
40 therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
42 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the month of January is  
43 hereby recognized as National Blood Donor Month in the State  
44 of Alabama.

45 BE IT FURTHER REESOLVED, That we urge all citizens to  
46 celebrate the cause of blood donation and recognize  
47 volunteer blood donors for their generous gifts. We further  
48 urge all eligible blood donors to donate regularly and  
49 encourage businesses and organizations throughout the State  
50 of Alabama to sponsor community-based blood drives with  
51 LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, among other blood  
52 collection institutions, and provide citizens of our state  
53 with the opportunity to give.

