Celebrating 100 years of Australian Red Cross

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The Northern Territory Assembly has recognised the Centenary of the Australian Red Cross with a formal motion honouring the organisation’s important work.

“Today, the Territory Assembly joined Australian Red Cross in marking the 100th anniversary of its founding. 100 years is a significant milestone and a great Australian story,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“The Australian Red Cross is part of the world’s largest humanitarian movement with tens of millions of volunteers working in 189 countries.

“They have an important mission to provide independent, neutral and impartial humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable people both in Australia and overseas.

“This incredible humanitarian organisation has stood shoulder to shoulder with Territorians in times of need or crisis and deserves our thanks and unwavering respect.

“Australian Red Cross has been serving the Territory since the organisation’s first meeting in Darwin in 1915 and it remains an integral part of the community today.

“Many long-time Territorians will remember that when Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin on Christmas morning 1974, Red Cross volunteers mobilised the biggest relief operation in Australian history.

“Australian Red Cross branches in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek helped thousands of refugees who were evacuated or travelled out of devastated Darwin. They also provided emergency relief supplies, recorded the names of victims and managed fundraising efforts across Australia.

“Their compassionate emergency assistance in some of Darwin’s darkest days will never be forgotten.

“I thank each and every one of the Red Cross volunteers who have given so much of their time over the years in support of their community and others suffering around the world.
“I want to encourage Territorians to give generously to the Red Cross in support of their many programs which include everything from the Bloodbank through to working with at-risk young people.”

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