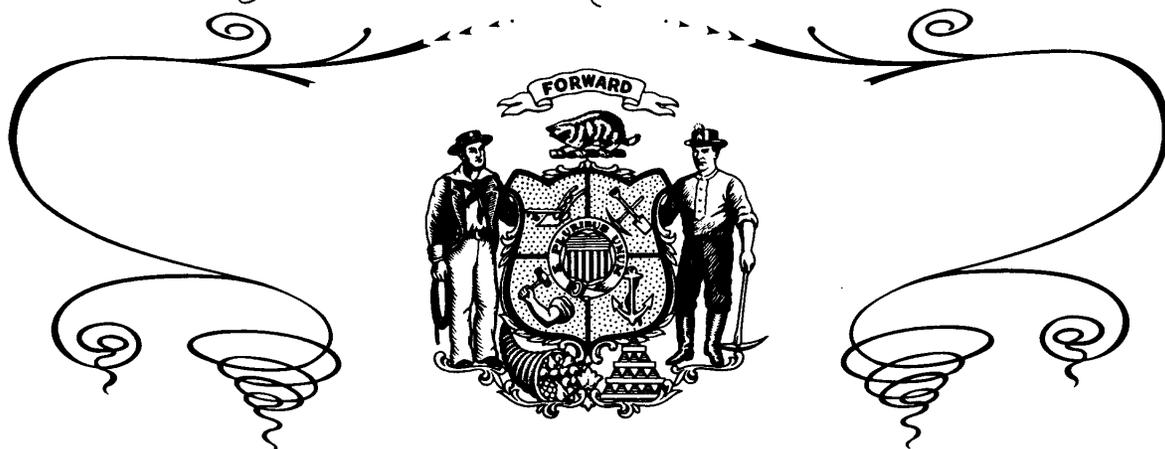


# State of Wisconsin



## 2009 Senate Joint Resolution 4

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### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** recognizing February 2009 as American Heart Month and February 6, 2009, as Wear Red For Women Day.

Whereas, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of over 460,000 American females (about one death per minute) each year and nearly 9,000 women in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as compared to 47 percent in males, and about 32,500 more females than males die from a stroke; and

Whereas, in 2008 the estimated direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States was estimated at \$448.5 billion; and

Whereas, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next 5 leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

Whereas, only 21 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

Whereas, by increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousand of lives each year; and

Whereas, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

Whereas, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness of heart disease — the leading cause of death for women — and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim February 2009 to be American Heart Month and February 6, 2009, to be Wear Red For Women Day and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red.

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Representative Michael J. Sheridan  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk