



2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 13

January 30, 2003 – Introduced by Representative CULLEN, by request of American Heart Association. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring February 2003 American Heart Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the nation's and Wisconsin's leading cause
3 of death; over 18,000 Wisconsin residents die from cardiovascular disease annually;
4 and

5 Whereas, one in 5 Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease; and

6 Whereas, approximately 250,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest
7 each year; and

8 Whereas, up to 80% of these deaths occur in the home; and

9 Whereas, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival
10 rates from sudden cardiac arrest, including immediate cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs); and

12 Whereas, effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after a sudden
13 cardiac arrest, can double a victim's chance of survival; and

14 Whereas, for every minute that goes by without defibrillation, chances of
15 survival decrease 7% to 10%; and

