



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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1 **Relating to:** recognizing American Heart Month and Wear Red Day.

2 Whereas, cardiovascular disease accounts for one out of three deaths
3 nationwide; and

4 Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the nation’s leading cause of death and
5 costliest disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$228 billion every
6 year; and

7 Whereas, nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an
8 average of one death every 39 seconds; and

9 Whereas, nearly one in three deaths due to cardiovascular disease occurs before
10 the age of 75 years; and

11 Whereas, an estimated 785,000 people in the U.S. will have a new coronary
12 attack, an estimated 470,000 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack, and an
13 additional 195,000 “silent” heart attacks will occur in the U.S. this year; and

14 Whereas, 14,805 die from cardiovascular disease in Wisconsin each year; and

1 Whereas, nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other
2 cardiovascular diseases than the next four leading causes of death combined,
3 including all cancers; and

4 Whereas, only 16 percent of women surveyed in 2009 identified cardiovascular
5 disease as the greatest health problem facing them; and

6 Whereas, the research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as
7 community-based strategies, that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular
8 disease; and

9 Whereas, the American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve
10 the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from
11 cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population-level
12 and community-level interventions, and public health and policy measures; and

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

16 Whereas, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease,
17 using tools such as the American Heart Association's My Life Check, Go Red For
18 Women Heart CheckUp, Go Red For Women Better U, and by talking to their
19 healthcare providers; and

20 Whereas, making the right choices relating to proper nutrition and physical
21 activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices are essential to living a heart healthy life;
22 and

23 Whereas, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2011 as
24 American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging
25 citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now, therefore, be it

