



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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1 **Relating to:** recognizing February 2009 as American Heart Month and February 6,
2 2009, as Wear Red For Women Day.

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

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

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

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

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

