2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

January 28, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Kreitlow, Taylor, Darling, Lehman, Olsen and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: recognizing February 2008 as American Heart Month and February 1,
2	2008, 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, of the females who die each year, 53 percent die from cardiovascular
9	disease as compared to 47 percent men, and about 32,500 more females than males
10	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 is 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

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

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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

9 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** in recognition of 10 the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, the members 11 of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim February 2008 to be American Heart 12 Month and February 1, 2008, to be Wear Red For Women Day and urge all citizens 13 to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by 14 commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red.

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