

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 103

1	Relating to: recognizing February 2010 as American Heart Month.
2	Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death with
3	direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$475.3 billion in 2009; and
4	Whereas, cardiovascular disease accounts for over 35 percent of all deaths
5	nationwide; and
6	Whereas, nearly 2,400 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an
7	average of one death every 37 seconds; and
8	Whereas, an estimated 785,000 people in the United States will have a new
9	coronary attack, an estimated 470,000 people nationwide will have a recurrent
10	attack, and an additional 195,000 "silent" coronary attacks will go undiagnosed this
11	year; and
12	Whereas, cardiovascular disease accounts for over 32 percent of all deaths in
13	Wisconsin; and
14	Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the cause of death for nearly 15,000
15	Wisconsinites each year; and

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1	Whereas, cardiovascular disease accounts for nearly 90,000 hospitalizations in
2	Wisconsin each year; and
3	Whereas, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival
4	rates from cardiovascular disease; and
5	Whereas, efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help
6	save lives by calling $9-1-1$ if symptoms occur, by becoming trained in CPR, and by
7	encouraging comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in
8	their communities; and
9	Whereas, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2010 as
10	American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging
11	citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That in recognition of
13	the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, the legislature proclaims
14	February 2010 to be American Heart Month.
15	(END)