



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35

1 **Relating to:** declaring June 1 to 7, 2011, as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and
2 Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week.

3 Whereas, heart disease affects men, women, and children of every age and race
4 in the United States and continues to be the leading cause of death in America; and

5 Whereas, approximately 295,000 emergency medical services-treated
6 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur annually nationwide; and

7 Whereas, roughly 92 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before being
8 discharged from a hospital; and

9 Whereas, sudden cardiac arrest results from an abnormal heart rhythm in most
10 adults, often ventricular fibrillation; and

11 Whereas, only 32 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims receive
12 bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

13 Whereas, prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles the victim's chance of
14 survival by helping to maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain, increasing

1 the amount of time in which an electric shock from a defibrillator may be effective;
2 and

3 Whereas, an automated external defibrillator (AED), even when used by a
4 bystander, is safe, easy to operate and, if used immediately after the onset of sudden
5 cardiac arrest, highly effective in terminating ventricular fibrillation so the heart
6 can resume a normal, effective rhythm; and

7 Whereas, for every minute without bystander CPR, survival from witnessed
8 cardiac arrest decreases by seven to ten percent; and

9 Whereas, the interval between the 911 telephone call and the arrival of
10 emergency medical services personnel is usually longer than five minutes, so a
11 cardiac arrest victim's survival is likely to depend on a public trained in CPR and
12 AED use and access to these lifesaving measures; and

13 Whereas, the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and the
14 National Safety Council are preparing a public awareness and training campaign on
15 CPR and AED use, to be held during the first week of June; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 legislature proclaims June 1 to 7, 2011, as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and
18 Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature commends the good work of the American
20 Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and the National Safety Council and
21 encourages all Americans to become properly trained in CPR and AED usage.

22 (END)