

## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 97

February 8, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Wieckert, Nygren, Owens, Hebl, Kerkman, Sheridan, Richards, Smith, Lothian, Petrowski, Shilling, Musser, Turner, Mursau, Berceau, Townsend, Van Roy, M. Williams, Moulton, Nerison, Ballweg, Hintz, Gunderson, Hines, Murtha and Bies, cosponsored by Senators Kreitlow, Roessler, Taylor, Cowles and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Rules.

**Relating to:** recognizing February 2008 as American Heart Month and February 1, 1 2 2008, as Wear Red For Women Day. 3 Whereas, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and 4 Whereas, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of over 460,000 American 5 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 Whereas, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next 5 leading 13 14 causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

Whereas, only 21 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their 1  $\mathbf{2}$ greatest health risk; and 3 Whereas, by increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk 4 for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousand of lives each year; and 5 Whereas, February is designated as American Heart Month; and 6 Whereas, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call 7 to increase awareness of heart disease — the leading cause of death for women — and 8 to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; now, therefore, be it 9 Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, the members 10 11 of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim February 2008 to be American Heart Month and February 1, 2008, to be Wear Red For Women Day and urge all citizens 12 13 to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by

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commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red.

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