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2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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Relating to: recognizing February 2009 as American Heart Month and February 6, 1 2 2009, 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 females (about one death per minute) each year and nearly 9,000 women in 6 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 Whereas, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next 5 leading 13

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 senate, the assembly 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 2009 to be American Heart Month and February 6, 2009, 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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