

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2014 as "American Heart Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While progress has been significant in reducing
4 deaths from heart disease, it is still the number one killer of
5 both women and men; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause
7 of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs
8 estimated to be \$312.6 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 1999 and 2009, the rate of deaths from
10 cardiovascular diseases fell 32.7%, but still accounted for
11 nearly one in three deaths in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, About 2,150 people die from cardiovascular diseases
13 each day, accounting for about one death every 40 seconds; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 12,700 Pennsylvanians died from cardiovascular
2 disease in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal
4 seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by
5 20% while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and
6 stroke by 20% through research, population-level and community-
7 level interventions and public health and policy measures; and

8 WHEREAS, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage
9 citizens to help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur,
10 become trained in CPR and encourage comprehensive automated
11 external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating
13 February 2014 as American Heart Month and promoting education
14 and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs
15 of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That in recognition of the importance of the
17 ongoing fight against heart disease, the House of
18 Representatives designate the month of February 2014 as
19 "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all
20 Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of tools and
21 skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest and
22 save thousands of lives each year.