

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: Representative Dan Frankel
SUBJECT: Co-sponsor Resolution – Designating February as American Heart Month in Pennsylvania

In the near future, I will introduce a resolution designating February as “American Heart Month” in Pennsylvania. I hope you will join me in support of this important occasion.

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the nation’s leading cause of death, accounting for over 35% of deaths nationwide. Nearly 24,000 Americans die of cardiovascular disease every single day, and more than 42,300 Pennsylvanians died from cardiovascular disease in 2008. However, research clearly shows that tools are available to increase awareness and survival rates for cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association is continuing its effort to promote education on this important issue and raise awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of a heart attack or stroke.

With this in mind, my resolution would designate February as “American Heart Month” in Pennsylvania and urge all residents of the Commonwealth to be aware of the dangers and warning signs of cardiovascular disease.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Abbie Heller in my office via e-mail (aheller@pahouse.net) or phone (717-783-7309).