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**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Robert D. Robbins *RDR*  
**SUBJECT:** Invitation for Co-Sponsorship  
CPR-AED Awareness Week

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution proclaiming June 1-7, 2011 as National CPR and AED Awareness Week.

Prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival by helping maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain. For every minute without bystander CPR, survival from witnessed cardiac arrest decreases 7-10 percent. In general, the time period between a 911 telephone call and arrival of Emergency Medical Services personnel is longer than five minutes. Further, an automated external defibrillator (AED) -- when used immediately after the onset of sudden cardiac arrest -- is highly effective in terminating ventricular fibrillation, allowing the heart to resume a normal rhythm.

If you wish to join us in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Senator Robbins' office at 787-1322 or email Chris Yniguez at [cyniguez@pasen.gov](mailto:cyniguez@pasen.gov) no later than April 8, 2011.