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### RESOLUTION COSPONSORSHIP MEMO #18

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie   
**DATE:** January 4, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** American Heart Month (February)

I will soon be introducing a resolution recognizing February as “American Heart Month” in Pennsylvania, similar to SR 22 of 2011.

Cardiovascular disease accounts for more than 35% of all deaths, making this the nation’s leading cause of death. Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds. In 2009, more than 41,300 people died from cardiovascular disease in Pennsylvania. More women die of cardiovascular diseases than the next five leading causes of death combined.

**SR 22** was cosponsored by Senators Alloway, Argall, Baker, Boscola, Brewster, Browne, Costa, Dinniman, Earll, Erickson, Farnese, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Kasunic, Kitchen, Leach, McIlhinney,ensch, Pileggi, Pippy, Rafferty, Robbins, Scarnati, Stack, Tartaglione, Ward, Washington, D. White, MJ White, and Yaw.

Please join me in cosponsoring this resolution by contacting Monica Armstrong at 787-6538 or by email at [marmstrong@pasen.gov](mailto:marmstrong@pasen.gov)

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