
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2013 as "American Heart Month"
2 in Pennsylvania and urging all Pennsylvanians to recognize
3 the critical importance of the tools and skills that will
4 increase survival rates from cardiac arrest.

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

8 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease accounts for one out of three
9 deaths nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease
11 each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals under 75 years of age account for nearly
13 33% of deaths due to cardiovascular disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Over 40,162 Pennsylvanians died from major
15 cardiovascular diseases in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, The research is clear that there are preventive
2 strategies, as well as community-based strategies, that can
3 increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating
15 February 2013 as "American Heart Month" and promoting education
16 and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs
17 of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the importance
19 of the ongoing fight against heart disease, recognize February
20 2013 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all
21 Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of the tools
22 and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac
23 arrest. By incorporating these tools and skills into aggressive
24 programs, thousands of lives can be saved each year.