
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 1, 2008, as "Wear Red for Women Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause
4 of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

5 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of
6 more than 460,000 women in the United States each year, with
7 about one death per minute; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, 53% of all CVD deaths occur in women, as
9 compared to 47% in men; and

10 WHEREAS, About 32,500 more women than men die from a stroke;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In 2008 the estimated direct and indirect cost of
13 CVD and stroke in the United States will be \$448.5 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, More women die from CVD than from the next five
15 leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

16 WHEREAS, Only 21% of women consider CVD their greatest health

1 risk; and

2 WHEREAS, February is designated as "American Heart Month";

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4 WHEREAS, "Go Red for Women" is the American Heart
5 Association's national call to increase awareness of CVD, the
6 leading cause of death for women, and to inspire women to take
7 charge of their heart health; and

8 WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for
9 heart disease using tools such as the American Heart
10 Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking to
11 their health care provider; and

12 WHEREAS, By increasing awareness and empowering women to
13 reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save
14 thousands of lives each year; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the importance
16 of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, designate
17 February 1, 2008, as "Wear Red for Women Day" in Pennsylvania
18 and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the
19 fight against heart disease by wearing red on this day.