
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JANUARY 30, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2008 as "Women's Heart
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke are largely preventable
4 with early detection and prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke affect one out of three
6 women; and

7 WHEREAS, Someone dies every 37 seconds of cardiovascular
8 disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year since 1984 the number of cardiovascular
10 disease deaths for females has exceeded the number of
11 cardiovascular disease deaths for males; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 460,000 women die each year from all heart
13 and blood vessel diseases combined; and

14 WHEREAS, Sixty-four percent of women who have died from heart
15 attacks had no previous symptoms of this disease; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 45% of women have high cholesterol; and

1 WHEREAS, Women account for 61% of total stroke deaths; and
2 WHEREAS, The cost of cardiovascular disease and stroke in the
3 United States in 2008 has been estimated to reach in excess of
4 \$440 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, Compliance with prescription instructions, medical
6 guidelines and physician directives is important to
7 cardiovascular health; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is committed to
9 public education about heart disease and stroke and urges women
10 to learn about risk factors for heart disease and stroke and to
11 take action to reduce, control or prevent as many risk factors
12 as possible; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association supports ongoing
14 medical research to promote early detection, prevention and
15 treatment of heart disease and stroke; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is the largest
17 voluntary, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to
18 reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and
19 stroke; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania/Delaware Affiliate of the American
21 Heart Association spent more than \$9.1 million during fiscal
22 year 2006-2007 for research support; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of February
24 2008 as "Women's Heart Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
25 all citizens to spread the message that cardiovascular disease
26 is the number one health threat for women and men; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate challenge all Pennsylvanians to
29 take charge of their cardiovascular health and to support the
30 lifesaving mission carried out by the more than 220,000 American

1 Heart Association volunteers in this Commonwealth.