

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 583 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, SIPTROTH, BAKER, BEAR, BISHOP, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYLE, BRENNAN, BROOKS, D. COSTA, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HANNA, HARHART, HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, JOHNSON, KORTZ, LEVDANSKY, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McGEEHAN, MCILVAINE SMITH, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MOUL, MUNDY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PAYTON, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SEIP, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD, HESS, WHITE AND GIBBONS, JANUARY 19, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 19, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2010 as "American Heart Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause
4 of death with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$503.2
5 billion in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease accounts for more than 34% of
7 all deaths nationwide; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,300 Americans die of cardiovascular disease
9 each day, an average of one death every 38 seconds; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 785,000 people in the United States
11 will have a new coronary attack, an estimated 470,000 people
12 nationwide will have a recurrent attack and an additional

1 195,000 "silent" heart attacks will occur this year; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 42,000 people die from major
3 cardiovascular disease in Pennsylvania each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Research clearly shows that there are preventative
5 and community-based strategies that can increase survival rates
6 from cardiovascular disease; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal
8 seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of Americans by 20%
9 while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by
10 20% through research, population and community-level
11 interventions and public health and policy measures; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association encourages citizens
13 to help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur, to become
14 trained in CPR and to encourage comprehensive automated external
15 defibrillator programs in their communities; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating the
17 month of February 2010 as "American Heart Month" and promoting
18 education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the
19 warning signs of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of February 2010 as "American Heart Month" in
22 Pennsylvania.