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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 2014 as "American Heart Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While the number of deaths from heart disease has  
4 been reduced significantly in recent years, it is still the  
5 number one killer of both women and men; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases are the nation's leading  
7 cause of death and most costly disease, causing direct and  
8 indirect costs estimated to exceed \$312.6 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 1999 and 2009, the rate of deaths from  
10 cardiovascular diseases fell 32.7%, but still accounted for  
11 nearly one in three deaths in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, About 2,150 people die from cardiovascular diseases  
13 each day, accounting for about one death every 40 seconds; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 12,700 Pennsylvanians died from  
15 cardiovascular disease in 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal

1 seeks to improved the cardiovascular health of all Americans by  
2 20% while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and  
3 stroke by 20% through research, population-level and community-  
4 level interventions, public health and policy measures; and

5 WHEREAS, Efforts by the American Heart Association encourage  
6 citizens to help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur,  
7 become trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and  
8 encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED)  
9 programs in communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is marking February  
11 2014 "American Heart Month" and promoting education and  
12 awareness by encouraging citizens to learn warning signs of  
13 heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 2014 as  
15 "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all citizens to  
16 recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will  
17 increase survival rates from cardiac arrest in the ongoing fight  
18 against heart disease; and be further

19 RESOLVED, That by incorporating these tools into aggressive  
20 programs, we can save thousands of lives each year and improve  
21 the lives of many more citizens.