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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2016 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 \$240.2 billion; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,500 Americans die of cardiovascular disease
11 each day, an average of one death every 34 seconds; and

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

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

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

1 seeks to improve 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 and public health and policy measures; and

5 WHEREAS, Efforts of 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 their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating the
11 month of February 2016 as "American Heart Month" and promoting
12 education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the
13 warning signs of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the importance
15 of the ongoing fight against heart disease, recognize the month
16 of February 2016 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and
17 urge all Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of
18 the tools and skills that will increase survival rates from
19 cardiac arrest.