

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 26, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 6, 2009, as "Wear Red Day for Women" in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging all citizens to wear red to
3 raise women's awareness of cardiovascular disease.

4 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases are the nation's leading
5 cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than
8 460,000 females in the United States each year, about one death
9 per minute; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year 53% of all cardiovascular disease deaths
11 occur in women, as compared to 47% in men, and about 32,800 more
12 women than men die from a stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, The direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular

1 diseases and stroke in the United States are nearly \$450
2 billion; and

3 WHEREAS, More women die of cardiovascular disease than the
4 next five leading causes of death combined, including all
5 cancers; and

6 WHEREAS, Only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease
7 their greatest health risk; and

8 WHEREAS, February is designated as "American Heart Month";
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's
11 national call to increase awareness about heart disease, the
12 leading cause of death for women, and to inspire women to take
13 charge of their heart health; and

14 WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for
15 heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart
16 Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking to
17 their health care providers; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
19 February 6, 2009, as "Wear Red Day for Women" in Pennsylvania
20 and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the
21 fight against heart disease by wearing red, which will increase
22 awareness and empower women to reduce their risk for
23 cardiovascular disease, saving thousands of lives each year.