

House Resolution Number

Whereas, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death among women; and

Whereas, heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women each year - more than the next seven causes of death combined, and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer, including breast cancer; and

Whereas, the cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated at \$352 billion; and

Whereas, one of five females in the United States have some form of cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, 63% of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms of this disease; and

Whereas, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

Whereas, the American Heart Association is launching a new campaign, Go Red for Women, to encourage women to pay attention to their hearts and help them live longer, stronger lives by reducing the risk for cardiovascular disease:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2004, to be

"Wear Red for Women Day".

Offered by _____

Representative Vicki Schneider

District No. 17

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker