

## Senate Resolution 14

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2011, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the  
4 fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, each year, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of almost 421,000 American  
6 females, about one death per minute; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, 52 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, and  
8 60 percent of all stroke death victims are females; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2010, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United  
10 States, including stroke, was estimated to be \$503.2 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, more women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases  
12 than the next four leading causes of death combined, including all cancers, yet only 16  
13 percent of women surveyed in 2009 consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month, and "Go Red For Women"  
16 is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about the leading  
17 cause of death for women, heart disease, and to inspire women to take charge of their heart  
18 health; and

19 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools  
20 such as the American Heart Association's My Life Check, Go Red For Women Heart  
21 CheckUp, and Go Red for Women Better U, and by talking to their health care provider; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and  
23 stroke, Friday, February 4, 2011, is recognized as "National Wear Red Day" at the state  
24 capitol.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize, Friday, February 4, 2011, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol and  
27 urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by  
28 commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red, increasing awareness, and  
29 empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association.