

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 15

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to “Go Red for Women Day.”

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 57, Margett. “Go Red for Women Day.”

This measure would proclaim February 6, 2004, as “Go Red for Women Day” in California, and would encourage all Californians to wear red on that day, in support of those women whose lives have been touched by heart disease or stroke.

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the nation’s number one killer. Stroke is the nation’s number three killer and the number one cause of permanent long-term disability; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease claims the lives of more women than men each year. In 2000, 53.5 percent of deaths among women were attributable to heart disease, as compared to 46.5 percent of deaths among men; and

WHEREAS, Most women are unaware that CVD is their greatest health threat. Nor does the public realize that each year, deaths from CVD alone exceed those from the next seven causes of death combined; and

WHEREAS, Fewer than 40 percent of women report that their doctor has discussed CVD with them when discussing their health; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of CVD in women are often recognized later in life, when other health challenges may also be present; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is committed to the support of ongoing medical research to advance knowledge in the area of prevention and treatment of heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce disability and death caused by CVD and stroke; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has launched a new initiative, called “Go Red for Women” to help raise awareness of women and heart disease, and will focus on that theme during American Heart Month in February 2004; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has designated February 6, 2004, as “National Wear Red Day for Women,” to draw



attention to women's heart disease, and to symbolize women's power to take control of their health, and compassion for the women whose lives have already been affected; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims February 6, 2004, as "Go Red for Women Day" in California, and encourages all Californians to wear red on that day, in support of all women whose lives have been touched by heart disease or stroke; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

