

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to American Heart Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 73, Negrete McLeod. American Heart Month.

This bill would establish February 2008 as American Heart Month and February 1, 2008, as Wear Red Day.

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death in California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of over 460,000 American women each year, approximately one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the estimated direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular disease and stroke in the United States totaled \$448.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in women, as compared with 47 percent in men, and about 32,800 more women than men die from stroke; and

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

WHEREAS, Only 21 percent of women perceive heart disease as their greatest risk; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary, nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce disability and death from heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is committed to conducting and supporting medical research that advances knowledge in the areas of prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association strives to inform all citizens about the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase the survival rate of men and women from heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, February is designated American Heart Month; and

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

WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools like the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Heart Checkup, and by talking to their health care provider; and

WHEREAS, Wear Red Day is recognized nationwide each year to highlight the Go Red for Women campaign; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the month of February 2008 as American Heart Month in California in order to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes February 1, 2008, as Wear Red Day in California, and urges all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges public support for Go Red for Women events planned in their community during the 2008 American Heart Month; and be it further

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

Attest:

Secretary of State