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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to American Heart Month and Wear Red Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 8, as amended, Butler. American Heart Month and Wear Red Day.

This measure would recognize the month of February 2011 as American Heart Month in California, would recognize February 4,

2011, as Wear Red Day in California, and would urge public support for Go Red for Women events.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause
2 of death; and stroke is the fourth leading cause of death; and

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular
4 disease each day, approximately one death every 39 seconds; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, 52 percent of all deaths due to
6 cardiovascular disease, and 60 percent of stroke deaths, occur in
7 females; and

8 WHEREAS, Too many women die each year because they are
9 unaware that heart disease is their number 1 killer; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2007, the direct and indirect cost of
11 cardiovascular diseases in the United States, including stroke, was
12 estimated to be \$286 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, Nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke,
14 and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next four leading
15 causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

16 WHEREAS, Only 16 percent of women surveyed in 2009
17 identified cardiovascular disease as the greatest health problem
18 facing them; and

19 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month
20 and Californians should learn the warning signs of heart disease
21 and stroke; and

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

26 WHEREAS, Making the right choices relating to proper
27 nutrition, physical activity, and other lifestyle choices are essential
28 to living a heart healthy life; and

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

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
34 February 2011 as American Heart Month in California in order to
35 raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against
36 heart disease and stroke; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes February 4, 2011, as
2 Wear Red Day in California, and urges all citizens to show their
3 support for women and the fight against heart disease by
4 commemorating this day by wearing the color red; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges public support for Go Red
6 for Women events planned in California during American Heart
7 Month; and be it further
8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate and the author for
10 appropriate distribution.