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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 3, 2006 AS "WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY" IN THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, heart disease is the nation's leading cause of
death, and stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death;
and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease claims the lives of more
than five hundred thousand American women each year, at a rate
of approximately one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, of the nation's deaths each year, fifty-three
percent of women but only forty-six percent of men die from
cardiovascular disease and forty thousand more women than men
die from stroke; and

WHEREAS, the direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular
disease and stroke in the United States are projected to reach

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1 two hundred billion forty million dollars (\$200,040,000,000) in
2 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the
4 next six leading causes of death combined, including all
5 cancers; and

6 WHEREAS, only thirteen percent of women consider
7 cardiovascular disease to be their greatest health risk; and

8 WHEREAS, February is designated as American heart month;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the slogan "go red for women" is the American
11 heart association's national call to increase awareness of
12 heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death for women,
13 and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3, 2006 be proclaimed "Wear
16 Red for Women Day" in recognition of the importance of the
17 ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support the
19 fight against women's heart disease and stroke by encouraging
20 the wearing of red on February 3, 2006.

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