

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2008 AS "WEAR RED DAY" AT THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading
5 cause of death and stroke is the nation's third-leading cause
6 of death; and

7 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of over
8 four hundred sixty thousand American women each year, which
9 is an estimated one death per minute; and

10 WHEREAS, each year, fifty-three percent of all
11 cardiovascular-disease deaths occur in women as compared to
12 forty-seven percent in men; and

13 WHEREAS, each year, approximately thirty-two thousand
14 eight hundred more women than men die from a stroke; and

15 WHEREAS, the estimated costs, both direct and indirect,
16 of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in New Mexico in 2008
17 are nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000); and

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

21 WHEREAS, only twenty-one percent of women consider
22 cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

23 WHEREAS, February is designated as "American Heart
24 Month"; and

25 WHEREAS, "go red for women" is the American heart

1 association's national call to increase awareness about heart
2 disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire
3 women to take charge of their heart health; and

4 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk
5 for heart disease, using tools such as the American heart
6 association's "go red for women" heart checkup and by talking
7 to their health care providers;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the importance of
10 the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, Friday,
11 February 1, 2008, be proclaimed "Wear Red Day" at the senate;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
14 encouraged to show their support for women and the fight
15 against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing
16 the color red.

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