

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1809

A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

WHEREAS, Friday, February 4, has been designated "National Wear Red Day for Women" by the American Heart Association. This action is part of the association's Go Red for Women campaign to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease, women's greatest killer, and to invite women to take charge of their heart health so as to be able to live a stronger, longer life; and

WHEREAS, Red is the American Heart Association's color for women and heart disease. The association is encouraging everyone to wear some red item of clothing on February 4 in support of all women who have experienced heart disease or stroke; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke claim more women's lives each year than the next seven causes of death combined, and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer, including breast cancer. This endeavor, hopefully, will raise women's awareness of this problem. Although 90% of women feel they have some control over their health, only 27% believe their health is a top priority. This lack of urgency about their health contributes to the death of more than 500,000 American women every year; and

WHEREAS, Women who contact the American Heart Association will be provided with suggestions and information including a comprehensive brochure on heart disease and stroke risk factors, a red dress pin and information regarding free lifestyle programs to improve their health: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we support the efforts of the American Heart Association in reducing women's heart problems and urge individual participation in the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Kevin M. Walker, American Heart Association, 6800 W. 93rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66212.

Senate Resolution No. 1809 was sponsored by Senators Jim Barnett and Laura Kelly.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*