

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1706

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2023, as Wear Red Day in the Kansas legislature and the importance of the ongoing fight against cardiovascular disease among women.

WHEREAS, Wear Red Day is celebrated nationally each year on the first Friday in February to raise awareness and bring greater attention to heart disease as a leading and preventable cause of death, particularly among women; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer among women in the United States, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke can affect women at any age, and losing even one woman to cardiovascular disease is one too many; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Heart Association, 87% of all cardiovascular diseases are preventable, which makes awareness, education and research imperative; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, women have been the backbone of the United States, carrying our nation forward with their strength, be it in the home, in the workplace or in school; and

WHEREAS, Today, women tirelessly carry the burden of the responsibilities of the home and the rest of our nation; and

WHEREAS, While their noble sacrifice helps the nation as a whole, this increases the chances of heart diseases among the very people who nurture and support our society; and

WHEREAS, Our nation wears red on the first Friday of February to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and help save lives by spreading the good news that most cardiovascular deaths can be prevented by a tobacco-free lifestyle, healthy eating and exercise; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature wears red on the first Thursday of February for the same reason, in solidarity with the rest of our nation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the first Thursday in February shall be known as "Wear Red Day" in the Kansas Legislature to recognize the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke among women; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator McGinn.

Senate Resolution No. 1706 was sponsored by Senator Carolyn McGinn.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.