

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

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

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

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of nearly 460,000 American females each year, approximately one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United States, including stroke, is estimated to be \$503.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, Each year, 53% of all deaths due to cardiovascular disease and 61% of stroke deaths occur in females; and

WHEREAS, Too many women die each year because they are unaware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer; and

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

WHEREAS, Only 21% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month in Kansas by a proclamation signed by Governor Parkinson; and

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

WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp, Go Red For Women Better U and by talking to their healthcare provider; and

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

WHEREAS, By choosing to speak up about heart disease we can save lives using the power of our very own voices; and

WHEREAS, The color red and the red dress symbol have become linked with the ability all women have to improve their heart health, the American Heart Association is encouraging everyone to wear red on February 5 in support of all women who have experienced heart disease or stroke: now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we support the efforts of the American Heart Association in reducing women's heart health problems and urge all Kansas citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red, by increasing awareness, by speaking up about heart disease, and by empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

House Resolution No. 6014 was sponsored by Representative Annie Kuether.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*