



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 4

February 2, 2017 - Introduced by Representative BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming February 2017 to be American Heart Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year
3 in the United States, yet 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases may be prevented; and

4 Whereas, cardiovascular diseases and stroke kill one woman every 80 seconds
5 in the United States; and

6 Whereas, an estimated 44 million women in the United States are affected by
7 cardiovascular diseases; and

8 Whereas, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing
9 heart disease or stroke; and

10 Whereas, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing
11 symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack;
12 and

13 Whereas, only 36 percent of African-American women and 34 percent of
14 Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, compared
15 with 65 percent of Caucasian women; and

Whereas, the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women movement motivates women to learn their family history and to meet with a health care provider to determine their risk for cardiovascular diseases and stroke; and

Whereas, Go Red For Women encourages women to take control of their heart health by knowing and managing these five numbers:

1. Total Cholesterol
2. HDL (good) Cholesterol
3. Blood Pressure
4. Blood Sugar
5. Body Mass Index (BMI); and

Whereas, women involved with the Go Red For Women movement live healthier lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, does hereby proclaim February 2017 to be American Heart Month in Wisconsin.

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