

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1706

A Resolution commemorating the 11th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day.

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet is often preventable; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined, but is often undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, Women comprise only 24% of participants in all heart-related studies; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the gap between men's and women's survival continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else was having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement has been impacting the health of women for 11 years. More than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of the 11th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day on February 5, 2015, Go Red for Women is asking all women across America to 'Go Red' by wearing red and speaking about awareness. Women can prevent heart disease by: Asking their doctors to check their blood pressure and cholesterol; stopping smoking, losing weight, exercising and eating healthy; realizing their risk, since heart disease is the cause of one in three female deaths each year; making healthy food choices for themselves and their families and teaching their children the importance of staying active; and by telling every woman they know that heart disease is their number one killer; and

WHEREAS, By increasing awareness, speaking up about cardiovascular disease and empowering women to reduce their risk, thousands of women's lives can be saved each year: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the 11th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by wearing the color red.

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.