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RECOGNIZING THE RISE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AS THE WORLD'S LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH AND DISABILITY AND AS THE GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OF OUR GENERATION AND SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 2022 AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease affects men, women, and children of every age and race in the United States; from 2019 to 2020, deaths from heart disease increased by 4.8 percent, the largest increase in heart disease deaths since 2012, and stroke deaths increased in the same period by 6 percent; cardiovascular disease continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, cardiovascular disease accounted for \$555,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity, and by 2035, cardiovascular disease will account for \$1,093,900,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity annually; and

1 WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 disease pandemic poses
2 significantly high risk to individuals with cardiovascular
3 disease and risk factors; and

4 WHEREAS, individuals in the United States have made
5 great progress in reducing the death rate for cardiovascular
6 disease, but the progress has been more modest with respect to
7 the death rate for cardiovascular disease in women and
8 minorities; and

9 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the number one
10 killer of women in the United States, killing more women than
11 all forms of cancer combined; cardiovascular disease is the
12 leading cause of maternal death in the United States, or more
13 simply put, heart disease is the number one killer of new
14 moms; and

15 WHEREAS, women, and especially Black and Hispanic
16 women, are disproportionately impacted by heart disease and
17 stroke; research shows that heart attacks are on the rise in
18 younger women, yet younger generations of women, namely
19 Generation Z and Millennials, are less likely to be aware of
20 their greatest health threat, including knowing the warning
21 signs of heart attacks and strokes; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the
24 importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and
25 stroke, we hereby resolve February 2022 to be American Heart
26 Month in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to show
27 their support for the fight against heart disease by

1 commemorating this month as American Heart Month; by
2 increasing awareness, speaking out about heart disease, and
3 empowering others to reduce their risk of cardiovascular
4 diseases, we can save thousands of lives each year.