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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 5, 2010, TO BE "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Giannini, Fellela, E Coderre, Lima, and Naughton

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Each year, 53 percent of all deaths due to cardiovascular disease and 61  
6 percent of stroke deaths occur in women; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

15 WHEREAS, Go Red for Women<sup>®</sup> is the American Heart Association's national call to  
16 increase awareness about heart disease—the leading cause of death for women—and to inspire  
17 women to take charge of their heart health; and

18 WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using  
19 tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women<sup>®</sup> Heart CheckUp and Go Red

1 for Women<sup>®</sup> Better U, and by talking to their healthcare provider; and

2 WHEREAS, Making the right choices related to proper nutrition, physical activity, and  
3 other lifestyle choices is essential to living a heart healthy life; and

4 WHEREAS, By choosing to speak up about heart disease, we can save lives using the  
5 power of our very own voices; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the importance of the ongoing fight against heart  
8 disease and stroke, and proclaims February 5, 2010, to be “National Wear Red Day.” We  
9 furthermore urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease  
10 by commemorating this day with the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking  
11 up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular diseases,  
12 we can save thousands of lives each year; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Office of the American Heart  
15 Association.

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