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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1, 2013, AS "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Naughton, E Coderre, Baldelli-Hunt, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 31, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The American Heart Association’s “Go Red For Women®” movement has  
2    been impacting the health of women for ten years. More than 627,000 women’s lives have been  
3    saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

4           WHEREAS, Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, yet only one in five American  
5    women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

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

8           WHEREAS, An estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by  
9    cardiovascular diseases, and 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing  
10   heart disease; and

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

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

15          WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 9-1-1 for themselves when experiencing  
16   symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else is having a heart attack; and

17          WHEREAS, In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> National Wear Red Day on February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2013,  
18   “Go Red For Women®” is asking women all across America to join them in making America Go  
19   Red and save women’s lives; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease  
3 and stroke, hereby proclaims February 1, 2013, as “National Wear Red Day” in the State of  
4 Rhode Island; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That this House hereby urges all the citizens of our state to show their  
6 support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the  
7 color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to  
8 reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year; and be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the National Office of the American Heart  
12 Association, The American Heart Association, Northeast Affiliate, and the Rhode Island Office  
13 of the American Heart Association.

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