

SR-114, As Adopted by Senate, January 30, 2014

Senator Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 114.

A resolution proclaiming February 2014 as American Heart Month and February 7, 2014, as Go Red for Women Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, While progress has been significant in reducing deaths from heart disease, it is still the No. 1 killer of both men and women; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease causes 1 in 3 women's deaths each year and kills more women than all forms of cancer combined, but is often undiagnosed; and

Whereas, An estimated 43 million women in the U.S. are affected by cardiovascular diseases. Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only 1 in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; 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, yet women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and

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

Whereas, The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement has been positively impacting the health of women, and more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved, with 330 fewer women dying every day; and

Whereas, It is important to ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol, stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy, make healthy food choices for you and your family, and teach your kids the importance of staying active; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2014 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim February 2014 as American Heart Month and February 7, 2014, as Go Red for Women Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of efforts to increase survival rates from cardiac arrest and to show support for women and the fight against heart disease by celebrating National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014, by wearing the color red.