

Senators Schuitmaker, Emmons, Warren and Whitmer offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 4.

A resolution proclaiming February 3, 2011, as Go Red for Women Day.

Whereas, Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death among women; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of 460,000 American women every year--almost one death per minute--and only 1 in 3 women can properly identify the symptoms of a heart attack; and

Whereas, More women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer; and

Whereas, Sixty-four percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms and in 2006, females represented 52.1 percent of deaths from cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, Research shows that 80 percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented if women made the right choices for their hearts and were made aware of the symptoms associated with heart attacks; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association started Go Red for Women Day in 2004 to educate women about heart disease and its prevention; and

Whereas, Go Red for Women Day is celebrated throughout the United States to raise awareness of heart disease in women and how to prevent it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we do hereby proclaim February 3, 2011, as Go Red for Women Day in Michigan. We encourage all citizens to wear red in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease and as a show of support to fight this deadly disease. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousands of lives each year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Go Red for Women Leadership Committee as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to fighting this disease and saving countless lives.