

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution declaring February 2011 as "American Heart Month" and Friday,
2 February 4, 2011, "National Wear Red Day" in North Dakota and encouraging all citizens to
3 wear red to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

4 **WHEREAS**, cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death and costliest
5 disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$228 billion; and

6 **WHEREAS**, nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of
7 one death every 39 seconds; and

8 **WHEREAS**, nearly one in three deaths due to cardiovascular disease occur before the age
9 of 75 years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives
11 by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and
12 encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as
14 community-based strategies, that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

15 **WHEREAS**, only one statewide program exists for reaching North Dakota residents on
16 heart disease, their risk, and helping individuals to improve personal and family health--Go Red
17 North Dakota; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Go Red North Dakota program is seen as a nationwide innovator and a
19 source of tools for other states and tribal programs;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
21 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

22 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly in recognition of the importance of the ongoing
23 fight against heart disease, does hereby proclaim February 2011 to be American Heart Month in
24 North Dakota and urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will

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1 increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive
2 programs, thousands of lives each year can be saved; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Friday, February 4, 2011, be declared "National Wear
4 Red Day" in North Dakota and urge all citizens to show their support in the fight against heart
5 disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red.