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A MEMORIAL

MARKING OBSERVANCE OF "WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY" ON
FEBRUARY 2, 2007 AT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading
cause of death and stroke and the third-leading cause of
death; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of over
four hundred sixty thousand American women each year, or an
estimated one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, each year, fifty-three percent of all
cardiovascular disease deaths occur in women as compared to
forty-seven percent in men; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately thirty-two thousand
eight hundred more women than men die from a stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the estimated direct and indirect costs
of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is
estimated at four hundred thirty-one billion eight hundred
million dollars (\$431,800,000,000); and

WHEREAS, more women die of cardiovascular disease than
the next five leading causes of death combined, including all
cancers; and

WHEREAS, only thirteen percent of women consider
cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American heart month;

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2 WHEREAS, "go red for women" is the American heart
3 association's national call to increase awareness about heart
4 disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire
5 women to take charge of their heart health; and

6 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk
7 for heart disease, using tools such as the American heart
8 association's "go red for women" heart checkup and by talking
9 to their health care providers;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the importance of
12 the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, that
13 Friday, February 2, 2007, be proclaimed "Wear Red for Women
14 Day"; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
16 encouraged to show their support for women and the fight
17 against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing
18 the color red.

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