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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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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

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1 of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is  
2 estimated at four hundred thirty-one billion eight hundred  
3 million dollars (\$431, 800, 000, 000); and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, February is designated as American heart month;  
10 and

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

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

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

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be  
24 encouraged to show their support for women and the fight  
25 against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the

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