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SENATE MEMORIAL 27

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SERIOUSNESS OF HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN;  
CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S SUCCESS IN SAVING  
LIVES; DECLARING FEBRUARY 5, 2013 AS "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY" IN  
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the American heart association's "Go Red For  
Women" movement has had an impact on the health of women for  
ten years, saving more than six hundred twenty thousand lives  
and reducing by three hundred thirty the number of women who  
die from heart disease each day; and

WHEREAS, heart disease kills more women than any other  
cause, yet only one of every five American women believes that  
heart disease is the greatest threat to her health; and

WHEREAS, each year, cardiovascular diseases cause one in  
every three deaths of women at a rate of approximately one

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1 death per minute; and

2 WHEREAS, an estimated forty-three million women in the  
3 United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

4 WHEREAS, ninety percent of women exhibit one or more of  
5 the characteristics that are associated with the development of  
6 heart disease; and

7 WHEREAS, only twenty-four percent of participants in all  
8 heart-related studies are women; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each  
10 year from heart disease; and

11 WHEREAS, the gap between the heart disease survival rate  
12 of men and the heart disease survival rate of women continues  
13 to widen; and

14 WHEREAS, a woman is less likely to call for emergency help  
15 when she experiences the symptoms of a heart attack than when  
16 she observes someone else experiencing those symptoms; and

17 WHEREAS, in celebration of the tenth "National Wear Red  
18 Day" in February, the American heart association is asking that  
19 all women in America help to raise awareness of heart disease  
20 by wearing red;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that February 5, 2013 be declared "National Wear  
23 Red Day" in the senate; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that people be requested to wear  
25 red on that day; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the American heart association of New Mexico.