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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-011

101 **CONCERNING AWARENESS OF HEART DISEASE, AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2017, AS "NATIONAL**
103 **WEAR RED DAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases kill one in three women in
2 the United States, yet 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases are
3 preventable; and

4 WHEREAS, Every 80 seconds in the United States a woman dies
5 from a cardiovascular disease or stroke; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated 44 million women in the United States
7 are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

8 WHEREAS, 90 percent of women have one or more factors for

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1 developing heart disease or stroke; and

2 WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 911 for themselves
3 when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone
4 else were having a heart attack; and

5 WHEREAS, Only 36 percent of African American women and 34
6 percent of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health
7 risk, compared to 65 percent of Caucasian women; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's "Go Red For
9 Women" movement motivates women to learn their family history and to
10 meet with a health care provider to determine their risk for cardiovascular
11 diseases and stroke; and

12 WHEREAS, "Go Red For Women" encourages women to take
13 control of their heart health by knowing and managing these five
14 numbers:

- 15 1. Total Cholesterol;
- 16 2. HDL (Good) Cholesterol;
- 17 3. Blood Pressure;
- 18 4. Blood Sugar; and
- 19 5. Body Mass Index (BMI); and

20 WHEREAS, Women involved with the "Go Red For Women"
21 movement live healthier lives; now, therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly
23 of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

24 That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the importance
25 of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke:

26 (1) Proclaim Friday, February 3, 2017, to be "National Wear Red
27 Day";

28 (2) Urge all citizens to wear the color red to commemorate the day
29 and show their support for women and the fight against cardiovascular
30 diseases; and

31 (3) Recognize that by increasing awareness, speaking out about
32 heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for

1 cardiovascular diseases, we can save thousands of lives each year.

2 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
3 to the Denver and Colorado Springs chapters of the American Heart
4 Association.