

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009
(Senators J. Lee, Berry, O'Connell)
(Representatives Heller, Hogan, Karls)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, does hereby proclaim February 2011 to be American Heart Month in North Dakota and urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, thousands of lives each year can be saved; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State