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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1, 2013, AS "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: January 31, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women®" movement has
2 been impacting the health of women for ten years. More than 627,000 women's lives have been
3 saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

4 WHEREAS, Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, yet only one in five American
5 women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year,
7 killing approximately one woman every minute; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by
9 cardiovascular diseases, and 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing
10 heart disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease,
14 and the gap between men's and women's survival continues to widen; and

15 WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 9-1-1 for themselves when experiencing
16 symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else is having a heart attack; and

17 WHEREAS, In celebration of the 10th National Wear Red Day on February 1st of 2013,
18 "Go Red For Women®" is asking women all across America to join them in making America Go
19 Red and save women's lives; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
2 in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, hereby
3 proclaims February 1, 2013, as “National Wear Red Day” in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges all the citizens of our state to show their
6 support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the
7 color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to
8 reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the National Office of the American Heart
12 Association, The American Heart Association, Northeast Affiliate, and the Rhode Island Office
13 of the American Heart Association.

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