

Senator Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 5.

A resolution recognizing February 1, 2013, as National Wear Red Day.

Whereas, The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement has been impacting the health of women for ten years, and more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved, with 330 fewer women dying every day; and

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

Whereas, Cardiovascular diseases cause 1 in 3 women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

Whereas, An estimated 43 million women in the U.S. are affected by cardiovascular diseases, and 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease; and

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize February 1, 2013, as National Wear Red Day in the state of Michigan, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke. We urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.