

Senator Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 6.**

A resolution celebrating February 2013 as American Heart Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, While progress has been significant in reducing deaths from heart disease, it is still the No. 1 killer of both women and men; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular diseases are the nation's leading cause of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs estimated at \$312.6 billion; and

Whereas, Between 1999 and 2009, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular diseases fell 32.7 percent, but still accounted for nearly 1 in 3 deaths in the nation; and

Whereas, About 2,150 people die from cardiovascular diseases each day, accounting for about one death every 40 seconds; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent, while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population- and community-level interventions, public health, and policy measures; and

Whereas, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, becoming trained in CPR, and supporting comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2013 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by urging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim February 2013 as American Heart Month in the state of Michigan, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease. We 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, we can save thousands of lives each year.