

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death, with direct
2 and indirect costs estimated to be \$403.1 billion for 2006; and
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4 **Whereas**, cardiovascular disease accounts for over 37% of all deaths nationwide;
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7 **Whereas**, nearly 2500 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an
8 average of one death every 35 seconds; and
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10 **Whereas**, this year it is estimated that 700,000 Americans nationwide will have
11 a new coronary attack and an additional 500,000 Americans will have a recurrent attack, for a
12 total of 1.2 million attacks; and
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14 **Whereas**, more than 21,000 people die from cardiovascular disease in Missouri
15 each year; and
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17 **Whereas**, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival
18 rates from cardiovascular disease; and
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20 **Whereas**, effort of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save
21 lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
22 (CPR), and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillators (AED) programs in their
23 communities; and
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25 **Whereas**, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2006 as
26 American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn
27 the warning signs of heart attack and stroke:

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29 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
30 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
31 concurring therein, in acknowledgment of the American Heart Association's celebration, hereby
32 recognizes February 2006 as American Heart Month in Missouri and the importance of the
33 ongoing fight against heart disease; and

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35 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly encourages all Missouri
36 citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates
37 from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, thousands of lives
38 can be saved each year.

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