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Representative Gonzales

Cosponsors: Representatives Wachtmann, Ruhl, Yuko, Antonio, Baker

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage the Ohio Department of Health to 1
implement public policy that addresses prevention 2
and detection of heart disease in women. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Heart disease continues to be the number one killer 4
of women in the United States according to the Centers for Disease 5
Control and Prevention and claims more women's lives than all 6
types of cancer, including breast cancer; and 7

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association describes heart 8
disease as often being a "silent killer" because nearly two-thirds 9
of American women who die suddenly from it had no previous 10
symptoms; and 11

WHEREAS, According to the Office on Women's Health in the 12
United States Department of Health and Human Services, African 13
American and Hispanic American women have more risk factors for 14
heart disease than Caucasian women; and 15

WHEREAS, Women of low socioeconomic status are 16
disproportionately affected by heart disease according to the 17
American Heart Association; and 18

WHEREAS, Increasing the number of women of different races 19

and various age groups in cardiovascular clinical trials is 20
pivotal to identifying the best treatment options for heart 21
disease in all women; and 22

WHEREAS, Continuation of programs such as "Go Red for Women," 23
led by the American Heart Association, and WISEWOMAN, created by 24
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are designed to 25
improve prevention through early diagnosis connected with the 26
ability to access the best treatment and are vital to addressing 27
women's heart health; and 28

WHEREAS, Unique initiatives have recently been developed that 29
can be of further assistance to health care providers in early 30
identification, education, and the prevention of heart disease, 31
such as the Women's Heart Health Initiative which explores a 32
nontraditional venue to provide additional cardiovascular 33
screening for women during their obstetrician/gynecologist office 34
visits; now therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 36
of the State of Ohio, recognize that there is a monumental need 37
for a "Call to Action" to address women's heart disease by 38
devising strategies that encompass socioeconomic factors, cultural 39
barriers, and lifestyle choices for those women at highest risk, 40
with a strong emphasis on recognizing the warning signs of a 41
cardiovascular event; and be it further 42

RESOLVED, That we encourage that public policy be implemented 43
and monitored by the Ohio Department of Health to establish and 44
collaborate with private partners to raise awareness and promote 45
education of heart disease, to increase screening programs that 46
will identify risk factors in women to aid in the early detection 47
and prevention of heart disease, to ensure access to medical 48
treatment protocols for heart disease, and to provide suggestions 49
and support for lifestyle choices that contribute to the 50
management of heart disease for those women at highest risk, in 51

order to improve the quality of life for all women; and be it 52
further 53

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 54
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 55
Director of the Ohio Department of Health. 56