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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2011

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Rave, Cutler, Holien, Hunhoff (Jean), and Kraus and
Representatives Boomgarden, Blake, Feinstein, Hubbel, Moser, Rozum, and
Stricherz

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing February 4, 2011, as Wear Red Day and
2 urging citizens of the state to be aware of cardiovascular disease in order to save lives.

3 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in South Dakota and the
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the nation's costliest disease with direct and indirect
6 costs estimated to be two hundred twenty-eight billion dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, nearly two thousand two hundred Americans die of cardiovascular disease each
8 day, an average of one death every thirty-nine seconds; and

9 WHEREAS, nearly one in three deaths due to cardiovascular disease occur before the age
10 of seventy-five years; and

11 WHEREAS, an estimated seven hundred eighty-five thousand people in the United States
12 will have a new coronary attack and an estimated four hundred seventy thousand people
13 nationwide will have a recurrent attack; and

14 WHEREAS, the research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as community-



1 based strategies, that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

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

6 WHEREAS, efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives
7 by calling 911 if symptoms occur, become trained in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation, and
8 develop comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2011 as American
10 Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the
11 warning signs of heart attack and stroke:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of
13 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, in recognition of
14 the importance of the ongoing fight against cardiovascular disease, that February 4, 2011, be
15 recognized as Wear Red Day.