

State of South Dakota

NINETIETH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2015

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Rave, Brown, Buhl O'Donnell, Curd, Frerichs, Haverly, Heinert, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen (Phil), Lederman, Parsley, Peterson (Jim), Rampelberg, Sohlt, Solano, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Hunhoff (Jean), Bartling, Bolin, Craig, Deutsch, Feickert, Gibson, Haggart (Don), Harrison, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Jensen (Alex), Klumb, Mickelson, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Rounds, Rozum, Stalzer, Stevens, Verchio, and Zikmund

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending the improvements to health care in South

2 Dakota achieved by the system of care established by the community-based Mission:

3 Lifeline initiative.

4 WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one cause of death in South Dakota, with more than

5 one thousand six hundred South Dakotans dying from heart disease each year; and

6 WHEREAS, a ST-elevated myocardial infarction or STEMI is the deadliest form of heart

7 attack, in which blood flow is completely blocked to a portion of the heart; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline initiative, starting in 2010,

9 sought to save lives by creating a system of care to close the gaps that separate STEMI heart

10 attack patients from appropriate and timely care and improve care for all heart attack patients;

11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust invested \$8.4 million



1 in the Mission: Lifeline initiative in South Dakota; and

2 WHEREAS, Mission: Lifeline collaborated with South Dakota hospitals and health care
3 providers to establish statewide STEMI heart attack protocols; and

4 WHEREAS, ambulance services and hospitals across South Dakota received lifesaving
5 equipment such as 12-lead cardiac monitors; and

6 WHEREAS, Mission: Lifeline provided education to hospital and emergency medical
7 services statewide on STEMI heart attack care; and

8 WHEREAS, Mission: Lifeline provided education to the public on the importance of calling
9 9-1-1 when a person believes they may be experiencing a heart attack; and

10 WHEREAS, since the launch of Mission: Lifeline, South Dakota has exceeded national
11 averages in several important benchmarks that reflect improved patient outcomes in our state,
12 including: diagnosis of STEMI heart attack, time until artery blockages are opened in a cardiac
13 catheterization lab, recommended medications upon hospital arrival and discharge, adult tobacco
14 cessation and education, restoration of blood flow in patients after a cardiac event, and expected
15 mortality rate; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately five hundred patients annually in South Dakota now receive a
17 higher standard of treatment for heart attacks through the system of care established by the
18 Mission: Lifeline initiative; and

19 WHEREAS, the work of the Mission: Lifeline initiative continues through the work of the
20 statewide Mission: Lifeline task force made up of hospitals, EMS agencies, health care providers,
21 state agencies, and patient advocates:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninetieth Legislature of the
23 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of
24 the State of South Dakota commends the improvements to health care in South Dakota achieved

- 1 by the system of care established by the Mission: Lifeline initiative and the work of the
- 2 volunteers of the Mission: Lifeline task force.