State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

WEAR RED DAY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council for Women commissioned the Status on Women in North Carolina report, which highlighted the impact of heart disease on citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women© movement has been impacting the health of women for 10 years, and more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 43 million women in the U.S. are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, 8,312 women died of heart disease in 2012; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease; and

WHEREAS, women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Go Red For Women© is asking all women across the State of North Carolina to join us in making America Go Red and save women's lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina supports the fight against heart disease by asking citizens to wear the color red on February 7, 2014, to increase awareness, speak up about heart disease and empower women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, in an effort to save thousands of lives each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2014, as **"WEAR RED DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

Pat McCrory

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Governor