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RFD: Rules

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RECOGNIZING THE RISE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AS
THE WORLD'S LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH AND DISABILITY
AND AS THE GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OF OUR GENERATION AND
SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 2022 AS AMERICAN HEART
MONTH.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease affects men, women,
and children of every age and race in the United States; from
2019 to 2020, deaths from heart disease increased by 4.8
percent, the largest increase in heart disease deaths since
2012, and stroke deaths increased in the same period by six
percent; cardiovascular disease continues to be the leading
cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, cardiovascular disease accounted
for $555,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost
productivity, and by 2035, cardiovascular disease will account
for $1,093,900,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost
productivity annually; and
WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 disease pandemic poses significantly high risk to individuals with cardiovascular disease and risk factors; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the United States have made great progress in reducing the death rate for cardiovascular disease, but the progress has been more modest with respect to the death rate for cardiovascular disease in women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the number one killer of women in the United States, killing more women than all forms of cancer combined; cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of maternal death in the United States, or more simply put, heart disease is the number one killer of new moms; and

WHEREAS, women, and especially Black and Hispanic women, are disproportionately impacted by heart disease and stroke; research shows that heart attacks are on the rise in younger women, yet younger generations of women, namely Generation Z and Millennials, are less likely to be aware of their greatest health threat, including knowing the warning signs of heart attacks and strokes; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we hereby resolve February 2022 to be American Heart Month in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to show their support for the fight against heart disease by
commemorating this month as American Heart Month; by
increasing awareness, speaking out about heart disease, and
eempowering others to reduce their risk of cardiovascular
diseases, we can save thousands of lives each year.