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To declare February 6, 2015 as Wear Red Day in Columbus, and to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease as the leading cause of death among women

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the Number 1 killer of women yet, eighty percent of cardiac events can be prevented; and

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

WHEREAS, ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease; 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, Only 43% of African American women and 44% of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, compared with 60% of Caucasian women; and

WHEREAS, women involved with the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement live healthier lives, nearly ninety percent have made at least one healthy behavior change, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, and does hereby declare February 6, 2015, as Wear Red Day in Columbus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges Columbus residents to wear red in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease, and to show support for women and cardiovascular health.