

SENATE RESOLUTION 25

(By Senators Grady and Rucker)

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1 Designating March 13, 2025, as Wear Red Day at the Capitol.

2 Whereas, More than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each
3 year, and about 70 percent happen at home with approximately 1 in 10 surviving. Each year, more
4 than 23,000 children under the age of 18 experience cardiac arrest in the United States, with
5 almost 40 percent of these sports related; and

6 Whereas, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), is critical to increasing a person's chance
7 of survival if performed immediately. Statistics show only about 46 percent of people who
8 experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from people nearby while waiting for emergency
9 responders to arrive; and

10 Whereas, To maintain effective solutions to this problem, awareness and education for
11 cardiac emergency plans should be in place, such as CPR education and automated external
12 defibrillator (AED) training and accessibility; and

13 Whereas, Knowing how to properly perform CPR has encouraged more people to act
14 when faced with a cardiac emergency. To save more lives from cardiac arrest outside of a hospital,
15 we must increase the number of people who are trained and can respond to cardiac arrest by
16 calling 911, delivering high-quality CPR and using an AED as soon as it is available; and

17 Whereas, The American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling the survival from
18 cardiac arrest by 2030 by turning bystanders into lifesavers, so that everyone, everywhere is
19 prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR in
20 response to a cardiac emergency; and

1 Whereas, In celebration of American Heart Month, we urge every household to join the
2 Nation of Lifesavers™ and learn the critical lifesaving steps of CPR; therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate:*

4 That the Senate hereby designates March 13, 2025, as Wear Red Day at the Capitol; and,
5 be it

6 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
7 the appropriate representative of the American Heart Association.