

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6037

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2024 as American Heart Month and supporting efforts to raise awareness on the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of death and disability.

WHEREAS, More than 350,000 persons experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year, and only about one in 10 survive; and

WHEREAS, More than 23,000 children under the age of 18 experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year in the United States, and almost 40% of these are sports related; and

WHEREAS, There are effective ways to mitigate the rise of cardiovascular disease, such as promoting awareness and education, establishing cardiac emergency response plans and providing CPR education and automated external defibrillator (AED) training and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, About 70% of cardiac arrests that occur outside of a hospital happen at home; and

WHEREAS, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, Only about 46% of those who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from persons close by while waiting for emergency responders to arrive; and

WHEREAS, The ability to properly perform CPR has encouraged more people to act when faced with a cardiac emergency and save more lives from cardiac arrest outside of a hospital; and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for a greater number of people to take action and immediately respond to cardiac arrest events by calling 911, so that high-quality CPR using AED may be administered as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, CPR is a lifesaving skill that most people, including children as young as age nine, can learn; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling cardiac arrest survival rates by 2030 by turning bystanders into lifesavers, so that everyone, everywhere, may be prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR in response to a cardiac emergency; and

WHEREAS, Currently, 90% of those who experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital do not survive, in part because they do not receive CPR more than half of the time: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the month of February as American Heart Month and support efforts to raise awareness on the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of death and disability; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we congratulate the American Heart Association on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and urge every household to help in the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke by learning CPR and joining a growing nation of lifesavers.

House Resolution No.6037 was sponsored by Representative Barbara Wasinger.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*