WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women annually; and

WHEREAS, 63 percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association’s “Go Red For Women” campaign is designed to raise awareness of the magnitude of heart disease in women and to support behaviors that promote healthier hearts by encouraging women to make positive changes in the lives that could help reduce their risk of heart disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2004, as WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to wear red in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease and to work together to raise awareness of heart disease in women.

MARK SANFORD
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