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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing February as  
2 American Heart Month.

3 *Whereas, Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death*  
4 *worldwide, and each year, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests*  
5 *occur outside of hospitals in the United States, with*  
6 *approximately 10 percent of people surviving;*

7 *Whereas, About 70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests*  
8 *occur at home, meaning that people nearby are the first and*  
9 *most critical link in the chain of survival;*

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1       *Whereas, Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)*  
 2       *can double or even triple a person's chance of survival, yet only*  
 3       *about 41 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest*  
 4       *receive immediate CPR from someone nearby, and fewer than*  
 5       *12 percent receive aid from an automated external defibrillator*  
 6       *(AED) before advanced help arrives;*

7       *Whereas, For adults and teens, Hands-Only CPR, which*  
 8       *includes calling 911 and pushing hard and fast in the center of*  
 9       *the chest, can double or triple the chance of survival, while*  
 10       *infants and children require CPR with rescue breaths to restore*  
 11       *oxygen and circulation;*

12       *Whereas, Each year, more than 23,000 children experience*  
 13       *cardiac arrest outside of the hospital, with almost 40 percent*  
 14       *related to sports and nearly 20 percent occurring among*  
 15       *infants, and cardiac arrest accounts for 10 to 15 percent of*  
 16       *sudden unexpected infant deaths;*

17       *Whereas, Studies show that women are less likely than men*  
 18       *to receive CPR before advanced help arrives due to fear of*  
 19       *causing harm, perceived legal risk, or discomfort about*  
 20       *physical contact, and these factors must be addressed through*  
 21       *education and awareness;*

22       *Whereas, The American Heart Association has set a bold*  
 23       *goal to double survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest by*  
 24       *2030 through its Nation of Lifesavers initiative, empowering*  
 25       *people everywhere to perform CPR and use AEDs confidently;*  
 26       *and*

27       *Whereas, Straightforward, community-based solutions, such*  
 28       *as CPR and AED education, public access to defibrillators, and*  
 29       *cardiac emergency response plans (CERPs) in schools,*  
 30       *workplaces, and public spaces, can save lives and strengthen*  
 31       *community readiness: Therefore,*

32               *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
 33               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

34       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives



1 recognizes February as American Heart Month in Indiana.

2 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
3 encourages all Indiana residents to learn CPR, promote  
4 awareness of cardiac arrest and emergency response, and join  
5 the effort to build a Nation of Lifesavers, ensuring that every  
6 person, everywhere, is prepared to act in a cardiac emergency.

7 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
8 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
9 Representative Mike Andrade for distribution.

