

88TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 562

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 1963

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the designation of the month of February in each year as "American Heart Month".

Whereas the diseases of the heart and blood vessels constitute our Nation's foremost health problem in that they affect more than ten million people at all ages, are responsible for more deaths than all other causes combined, result in the loss to our economy of seventy-one million nine hundred thousand man-days of work annually, and are a major cause of rejection from military service; and

Whereas recent progress in treatment and prevention gives hope and assurance that the control of heart disease can be achieved through the expansion of heart research, education and community programs now being carried forward through voluntary public support of the American Heart Association, its direct affiliates and chapters, and



through the Government by the National Heart Institute and the heart disease control program of the Public Health Service; and

Whereas February is by custom the month of each year during which public attention is focused on the medical, social and economic aspects of this primary health problem: Therefore be it

- 1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3       That the President of the United States is authorized and re-
- 4       quested to issue annually a proclamation (1) designating
- 5       February as American Heart Month, (2) inviting the Gover-
- 6       nors of the States and territories of the United States to issue
- 7       proclamations for like purposes, and (3) urging the people
- 8       of the United States to give heed to the nationwide problem
- 9       of the heart and blood vessel diseases, and to support all
- 10      essential programs required to bring about its solution.

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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Dec. 17: Passed House.

Dec. 20: Considered and passed Senate.