



County of Orange MEMO

January 30, 2008

To: Darlene Bloom, Clerk of the Board *Alt*

From: Supervisor Pat Bates, Orange County 5th District

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ADDITION TO FEBRUARY 5, 2008, MEETING

Please add to the February 5, 2008, Board Agenda, a presentation by Supervisor Bates of the attached resolution for "American Heart Month."

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Chairman John M. W. Moorlach
Orange County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District *cos*

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

February 5, 2008

**AMERICAN HEART MONTH
February, 2008**

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death, with direct and indirect costs estimated to reach \$448.5 billion in the U.S. in 2008; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease accounts for over 36% of all deaths nationwide; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2,400 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 37 seconds; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 770,000 Americans will have a new coronary attack, 430,000 Americans will have a recurrent attack, and an additional 175,000 Americans will have a silent first heart attack this year; and

WHEREAS, over five thousand people die from cardiovascular disease in Orange County each year; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association encourages citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Health System has joined the American Heart Association's program as the Orange County Champion as a means to educate the Orange County community of their risk of developing heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is celebrating February, 2008, as American Heart Month and promoting education & awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack & stroke;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, does hereby proclaim February, 2008, to be American Heart Month in Orange County and urges all citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, we can save thousands of lives each year.

Dated this 1st Day of February, 2008