

The Medical Research Gap Limits Women's Health

- Women are the majority of the U.S. population, nearly 50% of the workforce, and control over 60% of personal wealth. In the U.S., women are responsible for over 85% of consumer spending and make over 80% of healthcare decisions.
- Yet, women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, disabilities and ages experience diseases and disorders differently than men.
- 80% of patients with autoimmune disease are women, 2/3 of patients with Alzheimer's are women, and women are 50% more likely to die the year following a heart attack than men.
- Despite these three diseases disproportionately affecting women, The WHAM Report found that only: 12% of Alzheimer's research; 7% of rheumatoid arthritis research; and 4.5% of coronary artery disease research are allocated to projects focused specifically on women.

Investing in Women's Health Research is an Investment in the Economy

- The gender gap in medical research has had huge economic consequences, including pulling women from the workforce for their own health or as caregivers and contributing to increased costs because of delays in care.
- The WHAM Report shows that doubling current funding for women's health research across coronary artery disease, rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer's disease, adding \$300 million, will generate \$13 billion to our economy through improving quality of life, adding productivity to our workforce, and reducing healthcare costs.

The Resolution Calls For

- Doubling investment in women's health research across coronary artery disease, rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer's disease.
- Increasing awareness around the value of sex and gender-based research.
- Resounding support and advocacy around the topic of women's health.

Organizations Signed on to Support This Historic Resolution

