

SENATE RESOLUTION No.1842

A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the American Public Health Association's and the Kansas Public Health Association's National Public Health Week, which is April 4-10, 2011.

WHEREAS, The week of April 4-10, 2011 is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "Safety is no Accident: Live Injury-Free;" and

WHEREAS, Kansas counties and local health departments play a vital role in the state's public health; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policy-makers and public health professionals about public health issues; and

WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries. Unintentional injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, poisonings and falls rank among the top 10 causes of death for people ages 1-44; and

WHEREAS, Almost 30 million people are injured seriously enough to go to the emergency room each year; and

WHEREAS, The financial costs of injuries are staggering, accounting for 12% of annual medical care spending and totaling as much as \$69 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, Injuries, unexpected events and violence affect people at home, at work, in their communities, on the move and even at play; and

WHEREAS, Many injuries and associated costs can be proactively prevented by taking actions such as wearing a seat belt, properly installing smoke alarms, correctly installing and using child safety seats, wearing a helmet, and storing cleaning supplies in locked cabinets. Furthermore, educating the community about violence and maltreatment towards children, seniors and other vulnerable populations prevents injuries: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we support the efforts of the American Public Health Association and the Kansas Public Health Association. Specifically, we recognize the week of April 4-10, 2011, as National Public Health Week in Kansas. We call upon the people of Kansas to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of public health to a successful health system by remembering this year's theme, "Safety is no Accident; Live Injury-Free;" and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Jonathan Larance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230, Topeka, KS 66612-1274.

Senate Resolution No. 1842 was sponsored by Senator Roger Reitz.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*