

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1852

A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the American Public Health Association and the Kansas Public Health Association National Public Health Week, April 2-8, 2012.

WHEREAS, The week of April 2-8, 2012, is National Public Health Week, where the theme is "A Healthier America Begins Today. Join the Movement."; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 2-8, 2012, has been designated as National Public Health Week in Kansas in a Governor's Proclamation by Governor Sam Brownback; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, the sponsorship of National Public Health Week by the American Public Health Association, the Kansas Public Health Association and its members have educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the American public's health; and

WHEREAS, Preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer and healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

WHEREAS, Chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, Chronic diseases cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion; and

WHEREAS, On average, Americans are living to 78 years of age. However, only 69 of these years are spent in good health: 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 to recognize the week of April 2-8, 2012, as National Public Health Week, and call upon the people of Kansas to observe National Public Health Week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of public health to a successful health system in light of this year's theme of National Public Health Week, "A Healthier America Begins Today. Join the Movement."; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator V. Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1852 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.