

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1012 By: Stanley

A Resolution declaring April 7, 1997, as Public Health Day; recognizing, promoting and celebrating public health activities and public health workers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it has been said that public health is the risk manager for the whole health system; and

WHEREAS, the advance in our life expectancy and the improvement in our overall health are the result of years of work on the part of persons committed to public health; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services protect and promote the public's health and safety through the prevention of disease, illness, injury and disability, through education, the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and by providing access to affordable quality health care; and

WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, many of the essential public health services are provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and local, private and nonprofit partners through:

- assessing the health status, health problems and health hazards at the state and local level in order to identify and address community health problems;
- mobilizing community partnership to identify and solve health problems and to respond to disasters;
- providing leadership for planning and policy development to address priority needs, taking into account scientific, economic and political factors;
- informing and educating people about health issues in order to promote positive health beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors;
- linking people to needed population-based personal health services and other community and family support services, assuring the availability, access, and acceptability by enhancing system capacity including directly supporting services;
- promoting and enforcing laws, regulations, and standards that protect health and ensure safety of the population;
- evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services;
- assuring the capacity and competency of the public health work force to effectively address health needs; and
- conducting scientific investigations and supporting demonstration projects to gain new insights and innovative solutions to health problems; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 7 through April 11, 1997, has been designated as National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting that the Oklahoma House of Representatives join with the Oklahoma State Department of Health by establishing and designating a special day to:

- recognize and celebrate the quiet labor of employees and partners of the Oklahoma State Department of Health and all other public health workers who day in and day out strive to promote

physical and mental health, prevent disease, injury and disability and who provide such other important public health services; and

- promote the activity intended to increase public awareness of the many ways in which public health programs protect the health of individuals and their communities, and promote a healthy environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State House of Representatives hereby declares and designates April 7, 1997, as Public Health Day.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Commissioner of Health, the State Board of Health and to the Governor of this state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 7th day of April, 1997.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives