

ENROLLED HOUSE

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A Resolution declaring April 7, 1998, as Public Health Day; acknowledging the important roles played by the employees and partners of the State Department of Health in providing for the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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, many changes are occurring in Oklahoma's health delivery system as we move toward the new century which requires Oklahoma to develop a common vision of health outcomes accomplished through essential public health services provided by state, local, private, and nonprofit partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the State Department of Health is to protect and promote health of the citizens of Oklahoma, to prevent disease and injury, and to assure the conditions by which our citizens can be healthy, so that the state of the state's health can be at its highest achievable level; and

WHEREAS, essential public health services provided by the State Department of Health, other state agencies and local, private, and nonprofit partners include:

1. Assessing the health status at the state and local level to identify and address community health problems;

2. Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community;

3. Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems and to respond to disasters;

4. Providing leadership for planning and policy development to address priority needs, taking into account scientific, economic, and political factors;

5. Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues in order to promote positive health beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors;

6. Linking people to needed population-based and personal health services and other community and family support services, and

assuring their availability, access, and acceptability by enhancing system capacity, including directly supporting services;

7. Promoting and enforcing laws, regulations, and standards that protect health and ensure safety of the population;

8. Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services;

9. Assuring the capacity and competency of the public health workforce to effectively address health needs; and

10. Conducting scientific investigations and supporting demonstration projects to gain new insights and innovative solutions to health problems; and

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

1. Recognize and celebrate the quiet labor of employees and partners of the 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

2. 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 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares April 7, 1998, as Public Health Day.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives specifically acknowledges the important roles that the employees and partners of the State Department of Health play in providing for the health and welfare of our citizens, and that their efforts, undertaken with genuine concern and compassion, are worthy of widespread recognition and appreciation.

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, 1998.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives