

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 64 By: Robinson, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Roberts, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright

A Resolution recognizing the employees and partners of the Oklahoma State Department of Health; thanking them for their efforts; declaring April 7, 1998, as Public Health Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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

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

WHEREAS, essential public health services provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and public, private and nonprofit partners include: assessing the health status at the state and local level to identify and address community health problems; diagnosing and investigating health problems and hazards in the community; mobilizing community partnerships 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, educating and empowering 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 and ensuring 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 population-based personal 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the employees and partners of the Oklahoma State Department of Health who play an important role in providing for the health and welfare of our citizens.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks the Oklahoma State Department of Health's employees and partners for their efforts

which are undertaken with genuine concern and compassion and are worthy of widespread recognition and appreciation.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 7, 1998, as Public Health Day in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to State Board of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of April, 1998.

President of the Senate