

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 41

By: Crain and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

and

Cox, Kiesel and Lamons of
the House

A Joint Resolution requiring the State Board of
Health to prepare a state health improvement plan;
and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the eighth highest rate of diabetes in the
nation; and

WHEREAS, one out of four Oklahomans smokes; and

WHEREAS, the state ranks eighth in the nation for its rate of
obesity; and

WHEREAS, only five other states in the nation have lower
physical activity rates; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent (20%) of Oklahoma children ages nineteen
(19) to thirty-five (35) months do not receive recommended
immunizations; and

WHEREAS, thirty percent (30%) of women in Oklahoma do not
receive adequate prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks forty-third in the nation for its rate
of cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the highest rate of cardiovascular deaths in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the United Health Foundation ranked Oklahoma forty-seventh in the nation for overall health in 2007, down from forty-second in the nation in 2000 and thirty-first in the nation in 1990.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Health shall prepare and return to the Legislature a health improvement plan for Oklahoma for the general improvement of the physical, social, and mental well-being of all people in Oklahoma through a high functioning public health system.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of this resolution to the members of the State Board of Health.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives