

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 41

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

13 WHEREAS, one out of four Oklahomans smokes; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, 30% of women in Oklahoma do not receive adequate
21 prenatal care; and

22 WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks 43rd in the nation for its rate of
23 cancer deaths; and
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1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the highest rate of cardiovascular deaths
2 in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, the United Health Foundation ranked Oklahoma 47th in
4 the nation for overall health in 2007, down from 42nd in the nation
5 in 2000 and 31st in the nation in 1990.

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

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

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

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