

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6016

A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the American Public Health Association and the Kansas Public Health Association Public Health Week, April 6-12, 2009.

WHEREAS, April 6-12 has been designated as National Public Health Week in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Our nation spends more on health care than any other country, yet our health care system is failing and leaving millions of Americans vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, American infant mortality rates are three times higher than those in some developing countries; and

WHEREAS, Ethnic minority populations have nearly eight times higher mortality rates for key health conditions, such as diabetes, than that for non-minority populations; and

WHEREAS, America has made the top 10 list of countries with the most HIV/AIDS infected people; and

WHEREAS, Despite these challenges, public health professionals have contributed to dramatic progress over the last century through many advances such as adding fluoride to our drinking water, introducing seat belt laws and eliminating polio; and

WHEREAS, Successful health care reform is impossible without the support of a strong public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Through support of the country's public health system, we can build on the successes of the past and establish the solid foundation needed for a healthy state and nation; and

WHEREAS, We support these efforts and call upon the people of Kansas to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of public health to a successful health care system in light of this year's theme, "*Building the Foundation for a Healthy America*": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we support the efforts of the American Public Health Association and the Kansas Public Health Association to recognize the week of April 6-12, 2009, as National Public Health Week.

House Resolution No. 6016 was sponsored by Representative Lana Gordon.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*