

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6037

A RESOLUTION designating April 5-11, 2010, as National Public Health Week in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The week of April 5-11, is National Public Health Week and the theme is, "A Healthier America: One Community at a Time;" and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policy-makers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, Our nation spends more on health care than any other country, but an estimated 46.3 million Americans do not have health insurance and millions more do not have access to life- saving clinical preventive services; and

WHEREAS, Millions of people in America do not have access to cost-effective community-based preventive services; and

WHEREAS, Many of the illnesses that are caused by tobacco use, poor diet, physical inactivity and alcohol consumption are potentially preventable; and

WHEREAS, Many neighborhoods lack access to safe walkways and bikeways; are too far from offices, schools, health providers and grocery stores to walk; and are inaccessible to public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that 10.5 million cases of infectious diseases and 33,000 deaths can be prevented in the United States by the standard childhood immunization series; and

WHEREAS, Despite challenges, public health professionals and lawmakers are working on policies that place an emphasis on prevention and support a strong public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, By making a change in our individual communities, we will improve the health of our nation: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby proclaim the week of April 5-11, 2010, as National Public Health Week in Kansas 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 system in light of this year's theme, "A Healthier America: One Community at a Time."

House Resolution No. 6037 was sponsored by Representative S. Mike Kiegerl.

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.*