

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1732

A Resolution concerning influenza.

WHEREAS, Influenza can be life-threatening for people 65 years of age and older because it has long been recognized that people of this age group are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu compared to other age groups; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 90% of seasonal flu-related deaths and more than 60% of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations in the United States occur each year in people 65 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, Influenza is the most frequent cause of death for a vaccine-preventable disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Strategies that focus on providing routine vaccination to persons at higher risk for influenza complications have long been recommended; and

WHEREAS, The most effective strategy for preventing influenza is annual vaccination: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate recognizes the importance of protecting at-risk Kansans against this dangerous and potentially deadly disease; and

Be it further resolved: That the Senate strongly encourages outreach efforts of state government, and specifically the Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, to educate the public concerning influenza and provide information about influenza, along with the risks and benefits of vaccination; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Environment, and the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services.

Senate Resolution No. 1732 was sponsored by Senators Barbara Bollier and Laura Kelly.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.