

House Resolution No. 6021

By Representative Bollier

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1 A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the American
2 Public Health Association's and the Kansas Public Health
3 Association's National Public Health Week, which is April 4-10, 2011.

4 *WHEREAS, The week of April 4-10, 2011 is National Public Health*
5 *Week, and the theme is "Safety is no Accident: Live Injury-Free"; and*

6 *WHEREAS, Kansas counties and local health departments play a vital*
7 *role in the state's public health; and*

8 *WHEREAS, Since 1995, the American Public Health Association,*
9 *through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the*
10 *public, policy-makers and public health professionals about public health*
11 *issues; and*

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13 *WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries.*
14 *Unintentional injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, poisonings and falls*
15 *rank among the top 10 causes of death for people ages 1-44; and*

16 *WHEREAS, Almost 30 million people are injured seriously enough to*
17 *go to the emergency room each year; and*

18 *WHEREAS, The financial costs of injuries are staggering, accounting*
19 *for 12% of annual medical care spending and totaling as much as \$69*
20 *billion per year; and*

21 *WHEREAS, Injuries, unexpected events and violence affect people at*
22 *home, at work, in their communities, on the move and even at play; and*

23 *WHEREAS, Many injuries and associated costs can be proactively*
24 *prevented by taking actions such as wearing a seat belt, properly*
25 *installing smoke alarms, correctly installing and using child safety seats,*
26 *wearing a helmet, and storing cleaning supplies in locked cabinets.*

27 *Furthermore, educating the community about violence and maltreatment*
28 *towards children, seniors and other vulnerable populations prevents*
29 *injuries: Now, therefore,*

30 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
31 *That we support the efforts of the American Public Health Association and*
32 *the Kansas Public Health Association. Specifically, we recognize the week*
33 *of April 4-10, 2011, as National Public Health Week in Kansas. We call*
34 *upon the people of Kansas to observe this week by helping our families,*
35 *friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the*
36 *importance of public health to a successful health system by remembering*

1 *this year's theme, "Safety is no Accident; Live Injury-Free"; and*
2 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Jonathan
4 Larance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 1000 SW
5 Jackson, Ste 230, Topeka, KS 66612-1274.
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