

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION in recognition of Meningitis Angels, the Kansas State and Local Health Departments, the Kansas Immunization Program, Northeast Kansas Area Schools and the Cruzline Drum Line all working together to educate on and eradicate vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis.

WHEREAS, Honoring those persons whose lives have been taken by bacterial meningitis and those who continue to struggle with bacterial meningitis and its consequences, and supporting all work for the eradication of bacterial meningitis in Kansas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 16-20 is declared Kansas Meningitis Awareness Week, honoring World Meningitis Day and Meningitis Angels across Kansas and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Meningococcal, pneumococcal, and HIB meningitis are forms of bacterial meningitis, an infection of the meninges, the thin lining that surrounds the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, Bacterial meningitis is a deadly, debilitating disease that especially affects infants, children, teenagers, young adults and those with compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, Early symptoms of bacterial meningitis may include high fever, headache and a stiff neck; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of infants, children, teenagers and young adults are diagnosed with bacterial meningitis in the United States each year: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby declare the week of April 16 through 20 as the Kansas Meningitis Awareness Week and honor World Meningitis Day and Meningitis Angels across Kansas and around the world; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Senate of the State of Kansas encourages all Kansans to work together to educate on and eradicate vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator V. Schmidt.**

Senate Resolution No. 1856 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

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.