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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans benefit every day from the efforts of the
2 public health workforce when dining at restaurants, eating retail
3 food processed in Texas, drinking tap water, learning about the
4 prevention of deadly diseases, or receiving vaccinations; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas has a long history of public health success;
6 striking examples of the progress that has been made in this area
7 include the elimination of such feared diseases as polio and yellow
8 fever, as well as the extension of the average Texan's life span by
9 25 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The efforts of public health workers to protect the
11 populace are of even greater significance in light of the threat of
12 terrorism; our experience managing outbreaks of natural disease,
13 combined with effective planning and partnership between federal,
14 state, and local authorities, will assist us in any future crisis;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Public health efforts alone, however, cannot
17 accomplish the goal of a healthier Texas; communities need to
18 promote opportunities for healthier living, while individuals need
19 to take personal responsibility for making healthy choices, such as
20 abstaining from the use of tobacco, participating in a regular
21 program of safe physical exercise, and eating more fruits and
22 vegetables; and

23 WHEREAS, Public health is an issue that affects all Texans,
24 and it is indeed appropriate that the public health professionals

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1 and institutions of Texas be recognized for their vital
2 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the week of April 7, 2003, as Public
5 Health Week in Texas and encourage all citizens to observe this
6 important occasion.