

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 794

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize April 7 through April 11, 2003, as Public Health Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Every day the people of Texas benefit from the efforts of the public health workforce as they eat in restaurants, consume retail foods processed in Texas, drink tap water, learn about the prevention of deadly diseases, and receive vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas has a long history of public health successes, such as wiping out yellow fever and polio and extending the life span of the average Texan by 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The efforts of public health workers to protect the public have grown in significance due to the new threats of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, The experience of public health workers in managing natural disease outbreaks, combined with effective planning and partnerships among federal, state, and local authorities, will assist the state in dealing with any future crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Public health officials can reach the goal of a healthier Texas only through the cooperation of communities and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, All Texans must take personal responsibility for improving our health; responsible behaviors include avoiding the use of tobacco, engaging in regular, safe exercise, and eating more fruits and vegetables; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend public health workers for improving the lives of Texans and encourage all our citizens to observe Public Health Week; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Public Health Week, 2003.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate