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Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Public Health Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2010

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Public Health Week”.

Whereas the week of April 5 through 11, 2010, is “National Public Health Week”;

Whereas the theme of “National Public Health Week” is “A Healthier America: One Community at a Time”;

Whereas the United States spends more on health care than any other country in the world, but an estimated 47,000,000 people in the United States do not have health insurance and millions more do not have access to life-saving clinical preventive services;

Whereas millions of people in the United States do not have access to cost-effective, community-based preventive services;

Whereas many of the illnesses that are caused by tobacco use, poor diet, physical inactivity, and alcohol consumption are potentially preventable;

Whereas many neighborhoods lack access to safe walkways and bikeways, are inaccessible by public transportation, and are too far from offices, schools, health providers, and grocery stores to walk;

Whereas studies have shown that 10,500,000 cases of infectious disease and 33,000 deaths can be prevented in the United States by the standard childhood immunization series;

Whereas public health professionals and lawmakers are working to enact a health reform bill that emphasizes prevention and supports a strong public health infrastructure, despite challenges; and

Whereas a change in individual communities will improve the health of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Public Health Week”;

4 (2) recognizes the efforts of public health pro-
5 fessionals, the Federal Government, States, munici-
6 palities, local communities, and individuals in im-
7 proving the health of the people of the United
8 States;

1 (3) recognizes the role of public health pro-
2 grams in preventing disease, promoting good health,
3 protecting the food supply, protecting worker health
4 and safety, ensuring access to clean air and water,
5 promoting nutrition for children, and achieving the
6 many other benefits of public health programs that
7 promote the health of the people of the United
8 States;

9 (4) encourages efforts to increase access to both
10 clinical and community-based preventive services and
11 to strengthen the public health system of the United
12 States to improve the health of the people of the
13 United States;

14 (5) encourages community planners to consider
15 the health implications of planning decisions and to
16 plan communities and transportation systems that
17 enable all residents to access safe, affordable hous-
18 ing, nutritious foods, clean air and water, public
19 transportation, safe sidewalks, safe streets, and pub-
20 lic health services; and

21 (6) encourages each person in the United
22 States to learn about the role of public health pro-
23 grams in improving the health of the people of the
24 United States.

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