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A Resolution designating April 7, 2004, as World Health Day and encouraging persons to use precautions when driving in order to protect the health and life of Iowans and visitors traveling on Iowa roads.

WHEREAS, the World Health Day is an annual event designated by the United Nation's World Health Organization, as a means to advocate public awareness of health issues; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 57/309 was passed by the United Nation's General Assembly on May 22, 2003, welcoming the World Health Organization's decision to designate "Road Safety" as the theme of the World Health Day 2004; and

WHEREAS, needless deaths and disabilities caused by road traffic collisions take the lives of 1.2 million men, women, and children around the world, and seriously injure millions more; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2004, hundreds of organizations around the world will host events to help raise awareness about road traffic injuries, their grave consequences, and enormous costs to society; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, thousands of persons suffer injuries or fatalities for automobile collisions which could be prevented by greater public awareness, the enactment of law, and the enforcement of existing law; and

WHEREAS, the most significant cause of automobile

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1 injuries and deaths is the failure to wear safety
2 belts which have been effective in saving countless
3 lives in the United States including Iowa; and

4 WHEREAS, during 2004, organizations such as the
5 American Automobile Association are initiating
6 campaigns to encourage the public to use safety belts;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, using safety belts, obeying traffic laws,
9 avoiding distractions when driving, and appreciating
10 personal driving limits will significantly reduce
11 injuries and deaths caused by automobile collisions;
12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
14 That April 7, 2004, be designated as World Health Day
15 and that the citizens of Iowa are encouraged to wear
16 safety belts and observe other precautions while
17 driving in order to prevent needless tragedies and
18 achieve a record for the safest year on record for
19 Iowans and visitors to Iowa traveling on the road.

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