

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6023

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2008 as Lyme and Tick-borne Illness Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has designated the month of May 2008 as Lyme and Tick-borne Illness Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Many Kansans have been diagnosed with Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses in the past 10 years. Although Lyme disease is the most common, tick bites can also cause other diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and southern tick associated rash illness or STARI; and

WHEREAS, Kansas physicians and citizens are largely unaware of the problems associated with deer tick and Lone Star tick bites; and

WHEREAS, There is no vaccine currently available to prevent most tick-borne illnesses, so early detection and treatment are important. Most tick-borne illnesses can be treated successfully if diagnosed early; and

WHEREAS, There are steps Kansans can take to reduce their risk of tick bites such as avoiding wooded areas where ticks are most prevalent, using insect repellent and removing leaf litter and brush around homes and lawns: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of Kansas:* That we recognize May 2008 as Lyme and Tick-borne Illness Awareness Month as designated by the Department of Health and Environment, and we support the Department of Health and Environment in their efforts to make all Kansans aware of tick diseases and notify all Kansas physicians about the symptoms of tick-borne diseases so that they may adequately diagnose and treat those suffering from these afflictions; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide 5 enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Huntington.

House Resolution No. 6023 was sponsored by Committee on Appropriations.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*