

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the use of sunscreen and discouraging young persons from using tanning devices.

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology is concerned with the growing trends in the development and incidence of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, radiation from artificial sources, such as tanning beds, is a known human carcinogen; and

WHEREAS, ultraviolet radiation from indoor tanning devices can be up to fifteen times greater than what one would be exposed to through moderate outdoor sun exposure; and

WHEREAS, one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime and one American dies every sixty-five minutes from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of melanoma has increased six hundred ninety percent from 1950 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, skin damage from ultraviolet radiation is cumulative, and its adverse effects, skin cancer and premature aging, often take years to become apparent; and

WHEREAS, much of this damage occurs during the teenage years as evidenced by the fact that skin cancer is occurring in younger populations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature recommends that everyone use sunscreen when participating in outdoor activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges all parents to be aware of the known health hazards of intentional cosmetic tanning of the skin and recommends that parents encourage their teenagers to restrict their use of tanning devices to decrease the staggering increase in the incidence of melanoma in young people.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 7, 2008
February 12, 2008

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