HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DESIGNATING APRIL 28 THROUGH MAY 5, 2007, AS SAFE KIDS WEEK IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the number one killer of children 14 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 5,000 children 14 years of age and younger die from unintentional injuries; and

WHEREAS, emergency rooms experience nearly 2.4 million visits from children 14 years of age and younger each summer; and

WHEREAS, 90% of these injuries are preventable; and

WHEREAS, 41% of deaths from injuries occur during "trauma season", the months of May, June, July, and August; and

WHEREAS, the risk activities that show the greatest seasonal surge in injuries and deaths between May and August compared to the rest of the year are biking, water-related activities, pedestrian-related activities, motor vehicle-related activities, and falls; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids USA promote childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating public policy changes, promoting new technology, and raising awareness through the media; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, with the support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, is launching Safe Kids Week 2007, "Make it a Safe Summer", which focuses on five of the deadliest warm weather risk activities; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids USA has planned special childhood injury prevention activities and community-based events for Safe Kids Week 2007 in an effort to educate families about summer safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Governor call upon all the residents of the State of Montana to join the Governor in supporting the efforts and activities of safe kids to prevent childhood injury and proclaim April 28 through May 5, 2007, as Safe Kids Week in Montana.

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