

## HJR47 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Lee, Paramore, Brinyark, Shirey,  
4 Holk-Jones, Gray, Rafferty, Warren, Sorrells, DuBose, Rigsby  
5 RFD: Rules  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE  
4 OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF  
5 ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, we are pleased and proud to recognize the  
8 150th Anniversary of the Alabama Department of Public Health  
9 (ADPH) and join in commemorating the observance to be  
10 launched this month and celebrated throughout this  
11 sesquicentennial year; and

12 WHEREAS, before the department was created, rampant  
13 epidemics led to losses of life from deadly diseases that  
14 are now preventable; and at a time when maternal mortality  
15 was high and only one in three infants lived to reach one  
16 year of age, members of the Alabama General Assembly  
17 realized the need to establish public health activities and  
18 promote sanitary science for the good of the citizenry; and

19 WHEREAS, the Alabama General Assembly passed a law on  
20 February 19, 1875, to establish a system of hygiene for the  
21 state that would "preserve and prolong human life"; they  
22 created a program of education to "elucidate all persons on  
23 the laws that govern a healthful existence" and a method of  
24 enforcing the health laws "for the welfare of their fellow  
25 creatures"; the state medical leaders foresaw a vision of  
26 health, "wonderful in proportion, exempt from bodily  
27 suffering"; and

28 WHEREAS, led by the State Health Officer from its



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inception, the department has endeavored to improve the health of the state's citizens; it has investigated and helped contain outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis; diseases associated with poor hygiene and poor sanitation, such as typhoid; and diseases associated with poor nutrition, like pellagra and goiter; and

WHEREAS, Alabama was the first state in the nation to open a county health department facility in every county in the state and, under the direction and guidance of twelve State Health Officers, has remained committed to a rich history of serving the public by striving to keep Alabamians healthy, safe, and informed; and

WHEREAS, ADPH touches the lives of every person living in Alabama while promoting and embodying the core values of excellence, integrity, innovation, and community, as well as providing high-quality services to clients, and serving them with compassion, empathy, fairness, and respect; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, ADPH has made many notable contributions and has played a vital role in safeguarding Alabama's health by taking evidence-based approaches to improve health outcomes, prevent injuries and deaths through early intervention, and promote healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the vision of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy Alabama has endured well into the 21st Century; now therefore,



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56           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
57   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we proudly congratulate and  
58   commend the Alabama Department of Public Health on its  
59   achievements upon the celebration of its Sesquicentennial  
60   Anniversary, and we offer this resolution for appropriate  
61   display in accord with the ADPH mission of promoting,  
62   protecting, and improving Alabama's health.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 18-Feb-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**25-Feb-25**

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