

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 144

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2009

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week.

Whereas women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to greatly reduce the risk of common diseases through preventive measures such as a healthy lifestyle that includes engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African-American women, Asian-Pacific Islander women, Latinas, American-Indian women, and Alaska Native women;

Whereas healthy habits should begin at a young age;

Whereas it is important to educate women and girls about the significance of awareness of key female health issues;

Whereas the Offices on Women’s Health within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality are vital to providing critical services in supporting women’s health research, education, and other necessary services that benefit women of any age, race, or ethnicity;

Whereas National Women’s Health Week begins on Mother’s Day annually and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women’s health issues;

Whereas May 11, 2009, is National Women’s Check-Up Day; and

Whereas in 2009, the week of May 10 through May 16 is dedicated as National Women’s Health Week: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes the importance of preventing dis-  
3       eases that commonly affect women;

4               (2) supports the goals and ideals of National  
5       Women’s Health Week;

6               (3) calls on the people of the United States to  
7       use National Women’s Health Week, which begins

1 on May 10, 2009, as an opportunity to learn about  
2 health issues that face women;

3 (4) calls on the women of the United States to  
4 observe National Women’s Check-Up Day by receiv-  
5 ing preventive screenings from their health care pro-  
6 viders; and

7 (5) recognizes the importance of federally-fund-  
8 ed programs that provide research and collect data  
9 on common diseases in women.

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