

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Henderson County Health Department in  
3 Gladstone is proudly celebrating its 25th anniversary in  
4 conjunction with National Public Health week the first week  
5 in April; and

6 WHEREAS, The development of the Henderson County Health  
7 Department was the project of a group of dedicated Henderson  
8 county citizens who had the foresight to see a need for  
9 preventive health programs in the county; the resolution to  
10 bring the department to life was signed on March 7, 1978; and

11 WHEREAS, There were five core programs put in place by  
12 the end of the first year which included: administration,  
13 maternal health and family planning, child health, chronic  
14 disease, and communicable disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout the following years many new health  
16 programs have been added including home health; school  
17 nursing, vision, and hearing programs; environmental health  
18 programs; and programs like W.I.C., that provide nutritious  
19 foods and nutrition education to eligible citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1990, the Senior Citizens organization joined  
21 the Health Department bringing with them chore/housekeeping,  
22 information and assistance, outreach, home delivered meals,  
23 congregate meals, and the community care program; in 1996,  
24 citizen transportation was incorporated into the Health  
25 Department; and

26 WHEREAS, The Health Department also provides  
27 community-based services to Henderson county which include  
28 the dental sealant program, tobacco education in grades K-7,  
29 smoking cessation classes for adults, Heart Smart for Teens,  
30 and after school programs; and

31 WHEREAS, On April 10th an open house will be held at the

1 Henderson County Health Department in Gladstone to  
2 commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Henderson County  
3 Health Department and Public Health Week; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate the Henderson County Health Department on its  
7 25th anniversary of service to the residents of Henderson  
8 county; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Henderson County Health Department as an  
11 expression of our respect and esteem.