

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4662, by Representatives Schual-Berke, Lovick, Parlette, O'Brien, Santos, Cody, Conway, Hurst, Ruderman, Keiser, Miloscia, Cairnes, Stensen, Ballasiotes, Wensman, Talcott, Fortunato, Kagi, DeBolt, Kastama, Reardon, Dunn, Kessler, Linville, Thomas, Lambert, McMorris, Radcliff, Clements, McIntire, Cox, Kenney, Hankins, Quall, Pflug, Edwards, Constantine, Sump, Ogden, B. Chandler, Delvin, G. Chandler, Skinner, Carlson and Esser

WHEREAS, The ability to quickly and appropriately respond to emergencies resulting from poisoning and to prevent poisoning is of paramount concern to all citizens of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, National Poison Prevention Week is March 21st through March 27th; and

WHEREAS, National Poison Prevention Week has been established to encourage consumers to make their homes and offices safe, to adequately prepare for poison emergencies, and to acknowledge the importance of poison centers; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Poison Center is nationally recognized as one of the most effective poison centers in the country; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Poison Center responds to more than one hundred thirty-five thousand calls per year making it the busiest poison center in the country; and

WHEREAS, By calling your poison center you are accessing a dedicated staff of highly trained medical professionals who are certified specialists in poison information; and

WHEREAS, During National Poison Prevention Week the Washington Poison Center urges all citizens to keep all hazardous products in their original labeled containers, to keep household chemicals out of sight and out of reach of children, to use child-resistant safety caps on prescription medicine and over-the-counter medicine, to use Mr. Yuk stickers, and to tell everyone that Mr. Yuk's scowling green face is a warning sign to stay away from poisonous products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge and support the lifesaving work of the Washington Poison Center and its dedicated staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all citizens to recognize National Poison Prevention Week by making their homes and workplaces poison safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the Washington Poison Center, Secretary of the Department of Health, and the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4662 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 15, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk