

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14
2 BY HATCH, DANIELSON, DOTZLER, WARNSTADT, SENG,
3 HANCOCK, RIELLY, WOOD, SCHOENJAHN, CONNOLLY,
4 COURTNEY, QUIRMBACH, GRONSTAL, FRAISE, BLACK,
5 STEWART, RAGAN, BEALL, KREIMAN, and DVORSKY
6 A Concurrent Resolution designating November 13
7 through 19, 2005, as Iowa Homeless Awareness Week.
8 WHEREAS, the Iowa Homelessness Study conducted in
9 2001 concluded that over 18,000 homeless people, with
10 4,300 in Des Moines alone, and over 7,000 near-
11 homeless people live in Iowa; and
12 WHEREAS, the 2001 report indicates that nearly 60
13 percent of those homeless and near-homeless people are
14 children, over 11 percent of those homeless and near-
15 homeless people are less than five years of age, and
16 unaccompanied children represent more than 10 percent
17 of the homeless population; and
18 WHEREAS, 82 percent of the homeless and 90 percent
19 of the near-homeless single adult households with
20 children are headed by a woman; and
21 WHEREAS, family breakup, potential utility
22 disconnection, and job loss are consistently the
23 leading causes of homelessness; and
24 WHEREAS, Iowa's homeless and near-homeless people
25 exist in rural and urban areas, and in low-poverty and
26 high-poverty communities; and
27 WHEREAS, the poverty level population is defined by
28 the federal poverty line, \$19,350 in income for a
29 family of four, which equates roughly to between 30
30 percent and 50 percent of the median income in most

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1 Iowa counties; and

2 WHEREAS, the lack of living wage jobs and
3 affordable housing are reported as the most
4 significant barriers to resolving homelessness in
5 every type of community, and long-term economic
6 solutions that create living wage jobs and affordable
7 housing seem necessary to solve this crisis; NOW
8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
11 designates the week of November 13 through 19, 2005,
12 as Iowa Homeless Awareness Week, and invites the
13 citizens of Iowa to increase their awareness of the
14 causes of homelessness and seek to implement solutions
15 to homelessness; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
17 requests that the Governor issue a proclamation
18 calling upon the people of Iowa to observe Iowa
19 Homeless Awareness Week with appropriate programs,
20 ceremonies, and activities.

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