

74.12 Poison Prevention Week

Whereas, There were approximately 50,000 cases of poisonings reported to the National Poison Control Program in 1970 at least 68% of which occurred in the under 15 age group and 90% of these in children of 0-4 years of age; and,

Whereas, There were almost 250 fatal poisonings in people of all ages reported to the National Poison Control Program in 1970; and,

Whereas, The vast majority of accidental poisonings in childhood are preventable; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Minister of Health and Welfare of the Government of Canada to hold an annual Poison Prevention Week aimed primarily at pre-school children and their parents and to include a program, the purpose of which shall be to put all poisonous and hazardous products and drugs in proper perspective with emphasis on both their positive and negative potential.