



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 27

1       **Relating to:** proclaiming June 6, 2009, as Proper Drug Disposal Day.

2               Whereas, improperly disposed pharmaceutical drugs pollute lakes and  
3 streams, and result in harmful effects on surface and ground waters; and

4               Whereas, these improperly disposed pharmaceutical drugs have the potential  
5 to be harmful to wildlife and damaging to the public health; and

6               Whereas, the lack of effective and efficient methods of drug disposal has  
7 resulted in undesirable social, cultural, ecological, and global effects; and

8               Whereas, unused and expired pharmaceuticals are readily accessible to  
9 potential abusers through theft, diversion, or criminal resale and present an  
10 opportunity for the misuse of drugs; and

11              Whereas, in recent years, the misuse and abuse of pharmaceuticals by  
12 teenagers, adults, and older adults has increased; and

13              Whereas, one of the most common sources of illicit pharmaceuticals is the home  
14 medicine cabinet; and

