Whereas it was decided by the First Health Assembly that the Organization should sponsor the observance of World Health Day on 22 July each year by all States Members;

Whereas in every country the schools and other educational institutions could and should act as important focal points for the observance of this day;

Whereas most schools in many countries are closed on 22 July and therefore cannot serve in such manner;

Whereas the date of 7 April, the day when the Constitution of WHO officially entered into force in 1948, provides a suitable alternative without such disadvantages,

The Second World Health Assembly

RESOLVES that, beginning in 1950 and each year thereafter, World Health Day should appropriately be observed on 7 April by all States Members.

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