

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Whereas, this year National Public Health Week is the week of April 3, 2023, and this year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health"; and

Whereas, the goal of this year's National Public Health Week is recognizing the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people of the United States and achieving health equity; and

Whereas, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Public Health Branch is an accredited local health jurisdiction and includes the Public Health Laboratory, the divisions of Environmental Health, Nursing and Healthy Communities, the Women, Infants & Children program, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and the Office of Performance Improvement and Accreditation; and

Whereas, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the U.S. result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly and preventable of all health challenges; and

Whereas, studies show that small strategic investments in disease and injury prevention can result in significant savings in health care costs; and

Whereas, DHHS Public Health staff work throughout Humboldt County to provide services ranging from Hepatitis C testing to supporting first-time mothers and their babies; and

Whereas, DHHS Public Health collaborates with partners across various sectors, recognizing that many organizations in our community can influence health outcomes; and

Whereas, part of improving the overall health of individuals and communities is by addressing social and other determinants of health, including health disparities experienced by many minority populations; and

Whereas, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of April 3, 2023, as National Public Health Week and applauds the efforts of public health professionals, the federal government, states, tribes, municipalities, local communities, and individuals in preventing disease and injury as well as the role of public health in mitigating the short- and long-term impacts of infectious disease outbreaks on the health and wellness of individuals.

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STEVE MADRONE, Chair

