

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 1 – 8, 2024

WHERAS, National Public Health Week is observed the week of April 1, 2024 under the theme "Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health"; and

WHERAS, this occasion serves to recognize public health's pivotal role in enhancing the health of the United States population and striving for health equity; and

WHERAS, the persistent COVID-19 pandemic underscores the imperative for a resilient public health infrastructure, comprehensive support for healthcare workers, adherence to preventive measures, and concerted efforts to mitigate health disparities; and

WHERAS, pressing health challenges such as chronic diseases, racial and ethnic health disparities, violence, mental health issues, and environmental risks demand ongoing attention and action; and

WHERAS, significant strides in public health, notably in vaccination and disease prevention, have led to improved health outcomes and reductions in healthcare costs, showcasing the value of investing in public health initiatives; and

WHERAS, the dedicated efforts of public health professionals, in collaboration with various sectors, are crucial for disease prevention, emergency preparedness, and fostering healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, public health plays a vital role in managing health crises, reducing health disparities, and enhancing community well-being; and

WHEREAS, public health efforts advances our County's over health; and

WHEREAS, increased investments in public health are needed to propel the United States toward becoming the healthiest nation through proactive health and wellness initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 1-8 National Public Health Week and honors the critical contributions our public health professionals makes to the overall wellbeing of our Buncombe County residents.

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