

Proclamation

“National Public Health Week” April 1 - 7, 2024

Whereas, on April 2, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Proclamation supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; and,

Whereas, the week of April 1 - 7, 2024 is National Public Health Week; with a theme of: “Protecting, Connecting, Thriving: We Are Public Health,” Adams County Public Health celebrates this theme through its work to foster relationships with Adams County residents and community partners to promote and protect the health of all residents in Adams County through a variety of programs and services; and,

Whereas, the successful pursuit of public health requires an understanding of community and a shared future; as the theme states, we are all interconnected. When we all come together to support public health - individuals, families, communities, and the public health field — we can achieve the goals of public health; and,

Whereas, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2024 is to recognize the contributions of public health in— (1) improving the health of the people of the United States; (2) ACHD focuses on the specific needs of the nearly 520,000 residents and businesses in Adams County; and (3) achieving health equity; and,

Whereas, life expectancy in Adams County in 2021 was 79.4 years which was lower than the state of Colorado’s life expectancy of 80.6 years. Non-Hispanic Black Adams County residents had the lowest life expectancy in 2021 at 76.3 years. The top 5 leading causes of death for Adams County residents are (in order) heart disease, cancer, COVID-19, accidents and unintentional injury, and chronic lower respiratory disease. Diverse racial and ethnic groups within Adams County continue to experience disparities in the burden of poverty, homelessness, illness and death, as compared with the entire Adams County population; and,

Whereas, public health organizations use National Public Health Week to educate public policymakers and public health professionals on issues that are important to improving the health of the people of the United States; and,

Whereas, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including— (1) disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and (3) other disasters, including those caused by human activity and public health emergencies; and,

Whereas, an increase in local public health spending contributes to (1) A decrease in infant deaths; (2) A decrease in deaths related to cardiovascular disease; (3) A decrease in deaths due to diabetes; and (4) A decrease in cancer-related deaths; and,

Whereas, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in— (1) the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and (2) health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and,

Whereas, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, education officials, community-based organizations, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes; 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 addressing health inequities preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims April 1-7, 2024 as

“National Public Health Week”

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week;
- (2) recognizes the efforts of public health professionals National, States, Tribes, municipalities, local communities, and individuals in preventing inequitable health outcomes disease and injury.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 2, 2024.