

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

National Public Health Week
April 3-9, 2023

WHEREAS, the week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health”; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Public Health works in partnership with communities to improve and protect the public’s health through prevention, policy, regulation and education; and

WHEREAS, healthy people and healthy communities provide a foundation for a strong, diverse and vibrant society; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x, immigrants and refugees, and other people of color have the wisdom, skills and talents to empower and meaningfully engage with their communities to address the root causes of systematic health disparities and health inequities; and

WHEREAS, although Washington County has made great strides with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our community over the past 20 years, we still face public health challenges including inequitable birth outcomes, adverse childhood experiences, educational disparities, and disproportionate burden of disease by race, ethnicity, and income status; and

WHEREAS, a person’s health status can differ drastically by zip code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, and access to healthy food, education, quality childcare and health care.

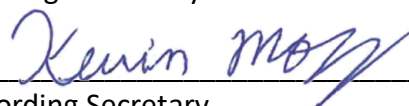
WHEREAS, Washington County Public Health is committed to engaging authentically with the community to provide culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate programs and services that are effective, equitable, and responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs, practices and health literacy; and to leading with race to achieve health equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this fourth day of April 2023, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, acting as the local public health authority, does hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2023, as National Public Health Week in Washington County.





Kathryn Harrington,
Washington County Board Chair



Recording Secretary

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Minute Order