

Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt

Whereas, this year National Public Health Week is the week of April 1 to 7, 2024, and this year's theme is "Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public 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, this recognition also acknowledges that many community services and strengths support our wellbeing; and

Whereas, these social determinants of health include basic infrastructure, arts and culture, housing, education, access to food and health care and much more; and

Whereas, the priorities in the 2022-2027 Humboldt County Community Health Improvement Plan include Housing Insecurity and Houselessness, Behavioral Health – Suicide Prevention and Substance Use, Healthy Beginnings and Adverse Childhood Experiences; and

Whereas, many organizations have joined together to support the Live Well Humboldt initiative to better understand related data and the unfair differences experienced by disadvantaged communities and their root causes; and

Whereas, Live Well Humboldt depends on the efforts many health improvement coalitions focused on a range of strategies from creating safe environments by reducing access to lethal means, to empowering people to reach out for help when they need it, to advocating for policies to end housing instability and increasing protective factors for young people.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of April 1 to 7, 2024, as National Public Health Week and encourages everyone including public health professionals, students, elected leaders, activists, and the public to step in and do what they can to make our world a more equitable, safe, healthy, and just place.

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Rex Bohn, Chair

