



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

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-12, 2020, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “NPHW@25: Looking Back, Moving Forward.”; and

WHEREAS, public health agencies help communities prevent, plan for and recover from many health problems, including diseases and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Public Health Week falls during a time of unprecedented public health crisis due to the novel coronavirus disease, 2019, known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the public health system is made up of multiple sectors, and the emergence of COVID-19 has demonstrated how community organizations, businesses, and individuals all have a vital role in and contribute to public health efforts; and

WHEREAS, across the country, and across Humboldt County, Public Health has partnered with community organizations and businesses to take actions to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, locally, staff work diligently year round in diverse roles in our local Accredited Public Health Branch including: Public Health Nursing and Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health; Healthy Communities and Women, Infants, and Children and Environmental Health, Communicable Disease, the Public Health Clinic and Laboratory, Epidemiology and Administration; and

WHEREAS, people living in rural areas face different health challenges than people living in urban areas, and these differences may include higher rates of obesity, poor mental health and drug use and are often caused by factors such as poverty, transportation difficulties and lack of job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Public Health workers have ensured that the community remains informed about immediate local health risks and are empowered to make healthy decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Branch is committed to providing current, local and relevant data to the public and using this data to help us achieve equitable health opportunities for all residents in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 6-12 as National Public Health Week and asks the people of Humboldt County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and celebrate public health’s accomplishments.

DATED: April 7, 2020

Estelle Fennell
ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair