

# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

## **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** April 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** National Public Health Week

**PRESENTER:** Stacy Taylor, Community Health Improvement Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. National Public Health Week Proclamation

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Board of Health discussed this annual recognition event at their April 11, 2023 meeting. Board members agreed to advance a proclamation to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for their consideration. National Public Health Week provides the opportunity to recognize the many organizations and groups that contribute to improved health outcomes in Henderson County including the Henderson County Department of Public Health.

Henderson County is currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in health outcomes among the 100 counties in North Carolina and it has the highest health ranking of any county in Western North Carolina.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the proclamation to provide recognition of National Public Health Week in Henderson County.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the proclamation to recognize National Public Health Week in Henderson County.*

# Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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## National Public Health Week in Henderson County

WHEREAS, the week of April 3 - 9, 2023, is National Public Health Week;

WHEREAS, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2023 is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people of the United States;

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges;

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 101,758 drug overdose deaths in the United States during the 12-month period ending in October 2022.

WHEREAS, studies show that strategic investments in disease prevention can result in significant savings in healthcare costs;

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

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of health threats, including disease outbreaks; and natural disasters;

WHEREAS, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including sectors that design our built environment, educational systems, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors influence health outcomes;

WHEREAS, in communities across the United States, individuals are changing the way they care for their health by avoiding tobacco use, eating healthier, increasing physical activity, and preventing unintentional injuries at home and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can promote a health system focused on treating illness to a health system focused on promoting wellness;

WHEREAS, Henderson County is currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in health outcomes among the 100 counties in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize National Public Health Week in Henderson County, and applaud the efforts of public health professionals, community organizations, and individuals in Henderson County working to prevent disease and improve health outcomes.

Adopted this day, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023.

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Rebecca McCall, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board