

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution of National Public Health Week in Henderson County

PRESENTER: Chairman William Lapsley

ATTACHMENTS: 1. National Public Health Week Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution of National Public Health Week in Henderson County April 6 – 12, 2026.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of National Public Health Week in Henderson County.

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RESOLUTION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN HENDERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the week of April 6 - 12, 2026, is National Public Health Week;

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Ready. Set. Action!" highlighting that public health actions occurring through scientific discoveries, legislation and community initiatives have significantly improved the health of all Americans;

WHEREAS, significant strides have been made in public health since the inception of National Public Health Week in 1994, including the following public health successes:

- Childhood mortality, which was at a rate of 13.8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1994, has now fallen to 5.4 deaths per 1,000 live births due to vaccines, better health care access and nutrition;
- Smoking rates, which were as high as 25.5% among U.S. adults in 1994, have now fallen to 11.4 % due to comprehensive smoke-free policies, public awareness campaigns and taxation of tobacco products;
- Mental health awareness and treatment, with 40% of people with mental health conditions being untreated in 1994, has progressed with increased awareness, parity laws and integration into primary care, which have expanded access to mental health services and reduced treatment gaps;
- Lead poisoning, with 4.4% of U.S. children having elevated blood lead levels in 1994, has now fallen to less than 0.5% due to policies banning leaded gasoline and reducing lead in paint, pipes and water systems;
- Pandemic preparedness has improved rapidly, led by scientific advancements and global vaccine deployment, and communities have increased investments in infrastructure, stockpiles and global surveillance.

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

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 exceeds both national and state averages for population health and well-being, according to County Health Rankings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 the 6th day of April 2026.

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD