



Legislation Text

File #: 21-0483, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board:

- 1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a proclamation to recognize April 5 - 11, 2021 as National Public Health Week; and
- 2) Acknowledge the efforts of the Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, its partnering agencies, and the residents of El Dorado County in creating healthy communities and neighborhoods.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

President Bill Clinton issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the first full week in April 1995 as National Public Health Week. In his proclamation, he extolled the value of public health, saying that, "safe living and working environments, developing methods to immunize populations against infectious disease, maintaining good nutritional standards, and having good prenatal care for everyone are vital endeavors."

For the past year, we have been physically distant from each other. Making communities safe and healthy is public health's top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important. Social media and virtual platforms make it easier than ever for us to connect, create, and take action. The 2021 theme "Building Bridges to Better Health," is to prompt everyone to take advantage of technological advances to connect with each other and to available resources to improve everyone's health.

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) encourages the citizens of El Dorado County to access the Public Health Division's Well Dorado website (<http://www.welldorado.org/>) which provides a wealth of information in one accessible, user-friendly location. There, El Dorado County citizens can learn ways to improve their own and others' lives by making healthy lifestyle choices. They can learn about the status of our community's health and the activities that are in process to improve it, and can access resources like a healthy-eating recipe blog and a community events calendar.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decline to approve the Proclamation recognizing April 5 - 11, 2021 as National Public Health Week.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

- 1) 04-02-2019, File ID 19-0399, HHS 2019 National PH Week Proclamation
- 2) 04-03-2018, File ID 18-0442, HHS 2018 National PH Week Proclamation
- 3) 03-28-2017, File ID 06-0505, HHS 2017 National Public Health Week
- 4) 04-04-2006, File ID 06-0505, Public Health Week

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact with this proclamation.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on one (1) original National Public Health Week Proclamation.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to send the originally signed Proclamation to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

County's Strategic Plan: Healthy Communities:

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