



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 6-12, 2026 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Arapahoe County residents are fundamental to the prosperity and strength of our community; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, National Public Health Week has celebrated the contributions of public health professionals and the communities they serve, and in that time significant strides have been made, including lower smoking rates, lower child mortality rates, greater mental health awareness and access to treatment, and many other successes; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Public Health Week theme, "Ready. Set. Action!" calls on all Americans to build on proven public health progress, honor the workers who show up for our communities every day, and advocate for policies and practices that promote good health for all; and

WHEREAS, addressing health disparities and promoting health equity ensures that all people, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or geographic location, have access to essential health care and resources; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Public Health, in partnership with more than 70 government agencies, health care providers, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is now in the first full year of implementing its 2025–2030 Community Health Improvement Plan — a five-year roadmap developed with input from more than 1,000 residents to advance economic security and mobility, access to safe and affordable food, access to healthy and affordable housing, access to physical and behavioral health care, community safety, and social connectedness; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Colorado Health Access Survey found that Coloradans' mental health improved for the first time in years, halting a years-long trend of increasingly poor mental health outcomes — a meaningful milestone for Colorado's communities that is supported by public health; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Public Health works to limit the spread of disease through efforts including a robust measles response across 2025 and 2026, immunization, awareness education; harm reduction, sexual health provision and education, and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Public Health plans for and responds to emergencies that put the health of residents at risk, seeks to protect public health through restaurant, childcare, school, water, body art inspections, injury prevention work, and supports the nutritional and health needs of children and families through WIC programs and food security efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners adopted a 2026 budget that expands investment in public health staffing to help remove barriers residents face in accessing critical support, reflecting the County's continued commitment to the well-being of all who call Arapahoe County home.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, that April 6–12, 2026, be proclaimed as NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, and we encourage all residents to recognize the value of public health, celebrate those who dedicate their work to keeping our community healthy, and commit to taking action toward a healthier future for all.

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully

Commissioner Jessica Campbell

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Chair of the Board

Commissioner Jeff Baker
Chair Pro Tem

Commissioner Rhonda Fields