ARAPAHOE COUNTY Proclamation +

A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING APRIL 3, 2023, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 3, 2023, is National Public Health Week, with this year's theme being "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2023 is to recognize the contributions of public health in both improving the health of the people of the United States; and achieving health equity for all; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Public Health Department opened its doors on January 1, 2023, with 180 employees ready to serve our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Public Health provides a full scope of programs, including: nurse home visitation; WIC; family planning; harm reduction; restaurant, body art, and childcare inspection; water quality; solid waste; chronic disease prevention; communicable disease prevention, control and investigation; emergency preparedness and response; issuing birth and death certificates and more to promote health, protect our environment, and prevent disease; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Public Health Department intentionally provides these services in an equitable manner that engages and celebrates our residents' unique perspectives and experiences; and

WHEREAS, the community will have the opportunity to further define the work of public health over the next 12 months as we develop the County's Public Health Improvement Plan, which will define the work of the department over the next three to five years

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the numerous contributions of public health professionals within the county, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners proclaims the week of April 3-9, 2023, as National Public Health Week and calls upon residents to celebrate these professionals in appreciation of their commitment to service.

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