

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2023
AS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

- WHEREAS, the week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for National Public Health Week in 2023 is "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—
(1) improving the health of the people of the United States; and
(2) achieving health equity; and
- WHEREAS, the Administration Division is improving the health of Lake County by enabling each Health Services program to function in their purpose of promoting and protecting the health of local residents. Administration ensures accuracy and efficacy with spending county, state and federal monies, and reconciling grant and program documentation in order to allow Health Services staff to meet community members where they are and provide them with the means to achieve or maintain a state of well-being; and
- WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Division is improving the health of the people of Lake County through education and encouraging compliance with public health laws. Environmental Health keeps community members safe by ensuring safety standards are met in: retail food establishments, recreational pools, tattoo facilities, etc. for consumer protection; proper handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials; landfills and solid waste; land use, through septic system design to prevent sewage and wastewater exposure; and construction of wells to prevent contamination; and
- WHEREAS, the First 5 Division builds early childhood systems and supports needed to ensure Lake County's youngest children are safe, healthy, and ready to succeed in school and life. First 5 Lake works collaboratively with local, state, and federal agencies to provide resources, advocacy, and support to many local families. Through initiatives such as the Smart Start Eligibility Wizard, the Perinatal Mental Health Toolkit, the Lake Family

Magazine, and the Kindergarten Entry Developmental Profile, families are provided information to ensure their children's well-being and to access locally available resources and services. First 5 Lake's vision is that one day, the success of Lake County will be measured by the well-being of its youngest children; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Division is improving local health outcomes by providing information, resources, access, and services to Lake County community members. Public Health programs educate and empower people to prevent disease in areas such as oral health, tobacco use, childhood lead exposure, and nutrition, and reduce our community's vulnerability to hazards and harmful impacts of natural disasters. Public Health clinical programs focus on investigating communicable diseases, supporting mothers and babies, responding to emergencies and disasters, and providing leadership to assure that all members of our community are heard and able to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Services Office is improving the health of local U.S. Armed Forces veterans and their families by actively pursuing their rights to receive benefits. Veterans Services works collaboratively with nationally chartered veteran's organizations, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and others to assure local veterans and their dependents receive the entitlements they have earned for their military service. The Veterans Office has worked tirelessly to provide thousands of local families access to health benefits and has helped veterans across the world access millions of dollars in retroactive benefits; and

WHEREAS, County of Lake Health Services has commenced Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity initiatives to actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities; and

WHEREAS, the eleven rural health departments of Northern California have collectively highlighted health disparities for the following groups: Tribal populations, Latinx populations, populations living in poverty, aging populations, those who are geographically isolated, and those who are experiencing substance use or mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week also recognizes the partnership and service of local public and private agencies, foundations, community partners, academia, and health-related enterprises that are working in collaboration to promote healthy behaviors, and bolster the Health Services Department's efforts in improving the health outcomes of Lake County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health Week and urges Lake County citizens to join in this important observance.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy



Chair, Board of Supervisors