

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 5-11, 2021

WHEREAS, the week of April 5-11, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is *Building Bridges to Better Health*; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Week celebrates the role of Public Health in educating and empowering communities to improve health, prevent illness and increase preparedness for a disaster; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2020 County of Lake Health Services Department began the COVID-19 Crisis Response, which is the longest disaster response effort in Lake County history to date, and is still ongoing at this time. The Divisions housed under the Health Department are: Public Health, Administration, Environmental Health, First 5, Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Public health Division has partnered with local health providers, and organized mass vaccination sites county wide. These efforts have vaccinated over 29,232 residents (45% of lake county population), provided COVID contact tracing support to over 7k people, and in partnership with Verily, and Optum Serve have provided almost 60k COVID tests for our local residents. Housing a staff of only 37 they have provided over 57k hours of time over the last year in support of local COVID-19 Crisis Response activities in our county ; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Division organized a kids press conference with local school, health, and law enforcement officials to answer children's questions about COVID-19, and its impact on their family members, friends, and school. First 5 also coordinated Zoom meetings with our Public Health Officer, Dr. Gary Pace, for child care provider's and children's summer programs to answer questions, and help create plans for safe reopening. First 5 distributed over 3,400 packs of diapers and 732 packs of baby wipes to family serving agencies across Lake County to provide directly to local parents and caregivers of young children experiencing economic hardships; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Health Division in addition routine inspections, permit issuance, and client services, provided at least 600 investigations regarding community business complaints related to COVID protocol violations. These Environmental Health Inspectors were tasked with frontline community engagement and education of ever changing COVID protocol standards and rules. EH also in the midst of all of this was able to launch a brand new program, MicroEnterprise -Home Kitchen Operation that provided additional community entrepreneurship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Administration Division quietly worked in the background to provide Department support and to ensure all State and CDPH compliance standards were met, contracts and MOU's were in place, and billing procedures were followed to protocol, in order to continue Public Health's core programs, and ensure COVID Crisis response could operate in compliance and at capacity; and

WHEAREAS, Veterans Division served our local veterans, by reaching out directly with over 5k phone calls and several thousand emails. This allowed our local Veterans to access over \$2.5 million in benefits available to them. Veterans has also worked tirelessly to provide access to Health benefits, including COVID testing and vaccination services to our local veteran population.

WHEREAS, Public Health Week also recognizes the partnership and service of local public and private health agencies, community partners, volunteers, foundations, academia, and health-related enterprises that are working in collaboration to promote healthy behaviors, and support the department in local COVID-19 Crisis response activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Lake Board of Supervisors along with the Lake County Health Services Department do hereby proclaim the week of April 5-11, 2021 as Public Health Week in Lake County and urge all residents to join in this important observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Attest: CAROL HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____
Deputy

Chair, Board of Supervisors