



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 1-7, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly and preventable of all health challenges; and

WHEREAS, racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States continue to experience disparities in the burden of illness and death, as compared with the entire population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, although significant progress has been made in reducing the infant mortality rate in the United States to a historic low of 5.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2021, there are still stark disparities in infant mortality by race and ethnicity, geography and income, such as the fact that Black infants experience infant mortality at a rate twice that of white infants; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 60 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable; and

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 107,622 drug overdose deaths in 2021, an increase of nearly 15 percent from 2020; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including—

- (1) disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (2) natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and
- (3) other disasters, including disasters caused by human activity and public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in—

- (1) the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and
- (2) health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, education officials, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby declares April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week in Kalamazoo County, urging all

residents to join in acknowledging and appreciating the impact of public health professionals in improving the health of all Kalamazoo County residents.

Adopted: April 2, 2024

Moved Strebs
Seconded Heppler

Carried.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler;
No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None




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Tami Rey, Board Chair

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on the 2nd day of April, 2024. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 247 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 3rd day of April, 2024.



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Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

