



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

### National Public Health Week: April 4-10, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 4-10, 2022, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Public Health is Where You Are”; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and drug use, among people living in rural areas compared with people living in urban areas, and this variance increases because rural residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers and lack of economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, a person’s health status can differ drastically by zip code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

**WHEREAS**, public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems; and

**WHEREAS**, preventable risk factors such as such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use are leading causes of chronic disease; and 6 in 10 U.S adults have a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more; and chronic diseases cause 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities and a growing number of local and state governments and public health leaders have declared racism a public health crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 4th through the 10th in 2022 as Public Health Week in Kalamazoo County.

Adopted: April 5, 2022

Moved Hall  
Seconded Rey  
Carried Roll Call Vote: Yes (11): Bruder-Melgar, Gisler, Hall, Heppler, McKissack, Morales, Quinn, Rey, Shugars, Strebs, Tuinier; No (0): None; Absent (0) None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO )

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on April 5, 2022. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 7 day of April 2022.

  
Meredith Place, County Clerk  
Kalamazoo County