



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of April 6, 2026, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "Ready. Set. Action!" highlighting that public health actions occurring through scientific discoveries, legislation, and community initiatives have significantly improved the health of all Americans; 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, 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 organizations use National Public Health Week to educate public policymakers, public health professionals, and the public on issues that are important to improve the health of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, local health departments and public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness; 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; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey observes this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to recognize the contribution of scientists, local, city and state legislators, community activists, including public health workers, in adopting initiatives that have significantly improved the health and longevity of the people of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 6-12, 2026
AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eighth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

DeL G. Cabral
Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR