



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health organizations use National Public Health Week to educate the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues that are important to improving the health of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health" and each day highlights a key public health priority, including Accessibility, Community, Food and Nutrition, Mental Health, Reproductive and Sexual Health, Rural Health, and Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, across these health priorities, equity in access and in outcomes is paramount to achieving meaningful population health; and

WHEREAS, the value of a strong public health system is in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the places we live, learn, work and play; and the decisions we make to protect ourselves and our community; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, county and local public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats including disease outbreaks and natural or man-made disasters by collaborating with traditional partners such as healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, community organizations and first responders, and non-traditional partners such as city planners, transportation and education officials and private sector businesses; and

WHEREAS, studies show that strategic investments in public health infrastructure and prevention result in significant savings in health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the local health workforce serves as the frontline to public health in New Jersey, and together with community-based organizations and health partners, ensure more people are changing the way they care for their health by avoiding tobacco use, eating healthier, becoming more physically active and preventing unintentional injuries at home and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, by adequately supporting health and prevention, we can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness to one which focuses on preventing disease, promoting wellness and ensuring health equity and access to care for all populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2024

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PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in New Jersey.



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

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