



National Public Health Week Proclamation

Whereas the week of April 4–10, 2016, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Healthiest Nation 2030”;

Whereas since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health;

Whereas over the past 25 years, U.S. life expectancy has increased, but at a slower rate than in other countries. And studies consistently show we have a lower life expectancy than comparable countries.

Whereas there is a significant difference in the health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and infectious disease, of people living in the healthiest States compared to people living in the least healthy States.

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 Zika virus, natural disasters, and disasters caused by human activity.

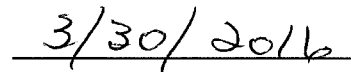
Whereas public health action, together with scientific and technologic advances, have played a major role in reducing and in some cases eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems.

Whereas the percentage of adults smoking cigarettes in the United States, the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, decreased from 20.9 percent in 2005 to 16.8 percent in 2014.

Whereas, Eau Claire County residents have prioritized Mental Health, Alcohol Misuse and Obesity as health areas to focus collaborative prevention efforts around;

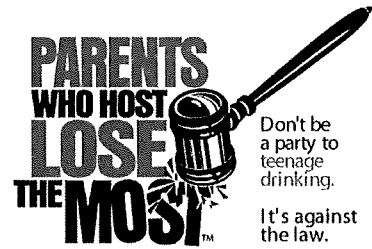
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Merrey Price, on behalf of the City-County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2016, as **National Public Health Week 2016** and call upon the people of Eau Claire to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “**Healthiest Nation 2030.**”


Signature


Date

PROCLAMATION

Supporting the 2016 Campaign



WHEREAS, the “Be sure it’s not happening in your home” message is the focus of the 2016 Parents Who Host Lose The Most Campaign sponsored by the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 out of 3 high school youth in Eau Claire County reported using alcohol in the past year, and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County youth report drinking usually at their home or a friend’s home, typically on weekends, and

WHEREAS, youth gatherings are often unsupervised by a parent or adult, and

WHEREAS, 52% of high school students in Eau Claire County report that alcohol is easy to get, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give alcohol to someone else’s underage child, even with parent permission, and

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

WHEREAS, alcohol consumption by youth has been shown to have an adverse effect on brain development, academic and athletic performance, and is a major cause of death from injuries among youth, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has one of the highest rates of binge alcohol use among 12 – 20 year olds in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention works with community members to reduce youth access to alcohol, and provides educational materials to raise awareness, and


WHEREAS, the Eau Claire City-County law enforcement agencies will rigorously enforce laws against selling or serving alcohol to underage youth,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Eau Claire City-County Health Department endorses the “Be sure it’s not happening in your home” campaign and encourages parents to:

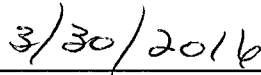
- Supervise youth gatherings in your home.
- Monitor your alcohol supply, and lock it up if possible.
- Alert neighbors when parents will be out of town.
- Join the Parents Connecting Network to connect with nearly 1,000 other parents in Eau Claire County who commit to not provide alcohol to anyone under 21 in their home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meroy Price, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department hereby proclaim the month of April 2016, to be:

“Be sure it’s not happening in your home” Month.



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Date



The Alliance is working to improve the lives of children, youth, and adults by mobilizing communities to prevent and treat alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse in Eau Claire County.