

National Public Health Week Proclamation

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 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; and

Whereas U.S. life expectancy is declining; U.S life expectancy dropped in 2020 by a full year, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; 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 continue to be top priorities in our 2021-2024 Eau Claire County Community Health Assessment); 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Merrey Price, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2022, as **National Public Health Week 2022 and call upon the people of Eau Claire County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “**Public Health is Where You Are.**”**



Merrey Price, President
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