

## **Proclamation**

### **“National Public Health Week”**

**April 5-11, 2021**

**Whereas;** the week of April 5-11, 2021, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Building Bridges to Better Health”; 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;** Tri-County Health Department is the public health agency that serves the 1.6 million residents of Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties; 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;** local health data dashboards and geographic information systems support public health professionals, elected officials, county and city staff, the public, and partners with the goal of improving communities through better opportunities for health; and

**Whereas;** the Tri-County Health Department-initiated regional mental health campaign, Let’s Talk Colorado, had over 48 million impressions and was recognized as a promising practice by the National Association of City and County Health Officials; and

**Whereas;** over 3,900 retail food establishments were inspected in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties to ensure food safety standards are met to prevent foodborne illness or outbreaks in our communities; and

**Whereas;** Tri-County Health Department’s Journey to Wellness program is a bilingual lifestyle change program recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention increasing healthy lifestyle habits; reducing rates of prediabetes, diabetes, and diabetes-related complications; and reducing healthcare costs associated with such conditions; and

**Whereas;** the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities and Tri-County Health Department, along with a growing number of local and state governments, and public health leaders have made fighting racial inequities a public health priority as it relates to health issues.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims April 5-11, 2021, as

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and calls upon the citizens of Adams 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, “Building Bridges to Better Health.”

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 6, 2021