

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Declaring April 2-8, 2018, as National Public Health Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Every year the first full week of April is recognized as National Public Health Week across the nation.
- B. A person's health is not just shaped by genetics and health behaviors, but also by social, economic, and environmental conditions where we live, work, learn, and play; these factors are known as social determinants of health.
- C. In Multnomah County, one of the core, unique public health functions of the Health Department is monitoring health status to identify and solve community health issues.
- D. Racism is a leading public health issue, and public health work is recognized as anti-racism work.
- E. In Multnomah County, health inequities between communities of color and the non-Latino White population are significant and, in some instances, growing: according to the Multnomah County Health Department's 2014 Racial and Ethnic Disparities report, all racial and ethnic groups examined experience disparities relative to their non-Latino White counterparts.
- F. Multnomah County recognizes that communities of color are brilliant, resilient and carry unique knowledge and experiences about how to thrive; and that meaningful community input, engagement, and leadership are fundamental to eliminating health inequities.
- G. In 2016 Multnomah County committed to a community-driven, strength-based Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) as one element to address, and ultimately end, health inequities. The goals were to be community-owned and transparent; grounded in the best available research and analysis; and the recommendations and achievable implementation plan be developed in partnership with key stakeholders.
- H. In 2016, the Health Department partnered with the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) to complete the CHIP. OHEA conducted community engagement events and developed priority areas and objectives for Multnomah County's Community Health Improvement Plan.

I. In 2017, the Oregon Health Equity Alliance brought together workgroups of cross-disciplinary community, County, and regional stakeholders to review Community Health Improvement Plan strategies and develop recommendations for implementation.

J. In 2018, implementation of the CHIP is supported through “Community-Powered Change”, a community-centered and community-driven campaign building a shared health equity narrative in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. April 2-8, 2018 as National Public Health Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.
2. National Public Health Week presents a timely opportunity for Multnomah County to reaffirm our commitment to eliminating health inequities in our community, and to recognize the essential partnerships between community and government that continue to drive Multnomah County’s Community Health Improvement Plan.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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