

PROCLAMATION
PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability, and disease since the turn of the century and public health is credited with significant improvements in our health status and life expectancy; 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 programs, services, and policies benefit everyone and are about ensuring healthy living and working environments, and succeed by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury in populations which have contributed to the decline in illness and injury; and

WHEREAS, the public health role regarding emergency preparedness is important to the community in preventing, preparing, withstanding, and recovering from the impact of health threats, and local health departments and public-private partnerships are the foundation for a strong public health system; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week provides opportunities for the public to learn about public health success stories, and continued frontline efforts to develop methods to immunize populations against infectious disease, maintain good nutritional standards, and provide preventive measures vital to healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Public Health Week encompasses our goals as a nation to ensure that our homes, neighborhoods, and communities are places we all, especially children, can thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2024, as Public Health Week in Tarrant County, and encourage residents to participate in public health initiatives that prevent disease, promote good health, and protect the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the hundreds of public health professionals at Tarrant County Public Health for dedicating themselves to maintaining and improving the health of their fellow residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Tarrant County to be affixed on this the 2nd day of April 2024.

(Over entire Court signatures)