

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of April 7, 2025, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “It Starts Here,” highlighting the importance of making a difference in our home, community, and state; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 30th anniversary of celebrating National Public Health Week, and in the past 30 years, significant strides have been made in public health, including:

1. Deaths due to HIV/AIDS have dropped significantly, ensuring most people with HIV can live normal lifespans, and prevention tools significantly reduce transmission;
2. Smoking rates have fallen due to comprehensive smoke-free policies, public awareness campaigns, and taxation of tobacco products;
3. Childhood mortality has fallen due to vaccines, better healthcare access, and nutrition;
4. Wintertime particulate pollution continues to improve due to successful programs such as the Burn Code and local regulations governing Wood-Burning Devices;
5. Environmental health has improved the health and well-being throughout the region with food inspections, hotel inspections, school inspections, and education;
6. Public Health Emergency Preparedness has grown and responded to a global pandemic and local emergencies, such as the Davis Creek Fire; 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, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into one focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Northern Nevada Public Health District Board of Health does hereby recognize the week of April 7 – 13, 2025, as

National Public Health Week

RECOGNIZED this 27th day of March 2025.