



# Fremont County Board of Commissioners

## Proclamation

### *National Public Health Week*

**WHEREAS** the week of April 1-7, 2024, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health”; and

**WHEREAS** the goal of National Public Health Week in 2024 is to recognize the contributions of public health in—

- (1) improving the health of the people of the United States; and
- (2) achieving health equity; and

**WHEREAS** there are significant differences in the health status of individuals living in the healthiest States and those living in the least healthy States, including differences in obesity rates, the prevalence of chronic disease and the prevalence of infectious disease; and

**WHEREAS** from 2019 to 2021, the life expectancy at birth for the population of the United States declined by 2.7 years, which is the biggest two-year decline in life expectancy since 1921-1923; and

**WHEREAS** many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly and preventable of all health challenges; and

**WHEREAS** vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in—

- (1) the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and
- (2) health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and



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**WHEREAS** public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including—

- (1) disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (2) natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and
- (3) disasters caused by human activity and public health emergencies; and

**WHEREAS** public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, education officials, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes; 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 a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County by the virtue of authority vested in this Board, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2024 as National Public Health Week in Fremont County and call upon the resident of Fremont County to observe this week by helping families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting the great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year's theme, "Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health"

Duly adopted this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**Kevin Grantham**

District 1 Commissioner

**Debbie Bell**

District 2 Commissioner

**Dwayne McFall**

District 3 Commissioner