



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity to attain their health potential and no one is unjustly kept from achieving this potential; and
- WHEREAS: Public health initiatives have played a crucial role in laying the foundation for good health and improved longevity for Minnesotans, by working to immunize people against disease; identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious diseases; improving the health of mothers and children; and promoting healthy behaviors, including increased physical activity, good nutrition, and smoking cessation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's health professionals have lead developments in new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, addressing emerging environmental contaminants, providing valuable information to people about health care costs and quality, preparing for large-scale emergencies, and promoting healthy communities; and
- WHEREAS: Health inequities are shaped by social, economic, environmental, political conditions, and institutional racism, negatively effecting the ability for people to realize complete physical, social, mental, and spiritual well-being; and
- WHEREAS: Improving the health of Minnesotans experiencing the greatest inequities – including communities of color; American Indians; rural Minnesotans; immigrants and refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities; and people with disabilities – will result in improved health for all; and
- WHEREAS: Public health leaders are grateful for the contributions of people in all sectors of society who are helping build and sustain safe and healthy communities by addressing the social determinants of health, such as education and economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2016, as:

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE