

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS** the week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Public Health is Where You Are”; and

**WHEREAS** since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

**WHEREAS** U.S. life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017 in the longest sustained decline since the Great Recession and only in 2018 began to increase again; U.S. life expectancy then dropped again in 2020 by a full year due to COVID-19 and the opioid epidemic, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; and

**WHEREAS** there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and drug use, among people living in rural areas compared with people living in urban areas, and this variance increases because rural residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers and lack of economic opportunity; 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, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural and human-caused disaster; and

**WHEREAS** public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems; and

**WHEREAS** preventable risk factors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use are leading causes of chronic disease; and 6 in 10 U.S adults have a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more; and chronic diseases cause 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities and a growing number of local, state governments and public health leaders have declared racism a public health crisis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT** the week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week 2023 in Summit County, Colorado.

**ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**



**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO  
BY AND THROUGH ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Joshua Blanchard*  
Joshua Blanchard, Chair

**ATTEST:**

*Taryn Power*  
Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder