

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24

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

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 1-7, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

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;

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 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 racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States continue to experience disparities in the burden of illness and death, as compared with the entire population of the United States; and

WHEREAS violence is a leading cause of premature death, and it is estimated that more than 7 individuals per hour die a violent death in the United States; and

WHEREAS 49,449 people died by suicide in 2022, with firearms being used in over 50 percent of suicides; and

WHEREAS there were over an estimated 109,000 drug overdose deaths in 2022 and nearly 70% of these deaths involved a synthetic opioidlike fentanyl; and

WHEREAS cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, accounting for more than 480,000 deaths every year; and

WHEREAS e-cigarettes have been the most commonly used tobacco product among youth since 2014, with 10.0 percent of high school students reporting e-cigarette use in 2023 nationally; and

WHEREAS studies show that small strategic investments in disease prevention can result in significant savings in health care costs; and

WHEREAS vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and

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;
- (2) natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and
- (3) other disasters, including disasters caused by human activity and public health emergencies;

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 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT the week of April 1-7, 2024, is National Public Health Week 2024 in Summit County, Colorado.

ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

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



Tara Pogue
Tara Pogue, Chair

ATTEST:

Taryn Power
Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder