



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
April 1 – 7 Public Health Week) **PROCLAMATION P2024 – 005**
In Benton County)

With a national theme "*Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health*," Benton County's observance celebrates the leadership, dedication, and innovation of many partners throughout the county, including the Board of County Commissioners, our County Health Department, other jurisdictions, community-based organizations, health systems, and many others.

The Benton County Health Department aspires to foster healthy people in healthy communities through a wide range of evidence-based public health approaches. The Health Department works to prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of the full range of health concerns in our community including the recent COVID-19 pandemic. We strive to be a local source for timely and useful health information that our communities can trust.

Public health includes our environment; the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink, and the accessibility and safety of the built environment. Focus on environmental health is a vital investment in both the present and the future. It is vast, stretching from the routine monitoring of water sources to emergency warming and cooling shelters to policies that make our roads safer.

Foundational to all public health work is the understanding that systemic racism has always been and continues to be a primary influence on the structure and well-being of our communities. The detrimental impact of racism on the social determinants of health — health care, education, economic stability, housing, and environment — results in health inequities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and negatively affects health outcomes for all people in Benton County. In an effort to mitigate these trends, the Benton County Health Department is committed to investing in programs and policy solutions designed to address racial inequities.

It takes a village to create a healthy community where all community members can thrive. While the efforts of the Health Department are vital to sustaining and improving community health, it takes the efforts of every person in Benton County to bring passion, expertise, innovation, and care to our community. Through the countless actions of our community-based organizations, community partners, and community members, we can work to build a safe, healthy, and caring community together.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that April 1 to April 7, 2024, is National Public Health Week in Benton County.

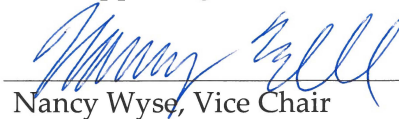
Adopted this 2nd day of April 2024.

Signed this 2nd day of April 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



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