

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT  
PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCLAMATION NUMBER: 23-01

PROCLAMATION SUBJECT: DECLARING APRIL 3-9, 2023, PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health”; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers, and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; 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, there is a significant decrease in health status among persons who are more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as racism, poverty, adverse childhood experiences, transportation barriers, and lack of economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Community Health Assessment of Snohomish County shows BIPOC residents, on average, experience higher rates of disease and illness and have shorter life expectancies than the county’s White, non-Hispanic residents; 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 disasters, and disasters caused by human activity; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health expresses gratitude and appreciation to Snohomish County Health Department staff, public health partners, and community members who are dedicated to the improvement of health and well-being across Snohomish County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Board of Health proclaims the week of April 3 to April 9, 2023, to be Public Health Week in Snohomish County and encourages residents to observe this week by celebrating the value of public health in improving the quality of life for all its communities.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March 2023.

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XXX, Chair  
Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Dennis Worsham  
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