



Resolution No. R2022-53

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Proclaiming April 4-10, 2022, as "National Public Health Week" in Pierce County, Washington.

Whereas, during National Public Health Week, we honor public health professionals and volunteers who tirelessly work to protect and improve the health of all people and communities in Pierce County; and

Whereas, public health professionals help our communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from a range of health threats, including disease outbreaks like the COVID-19 pandemic, and measles, disasters caused by human activity, and monitor, prevent, control the spread of infectious disease; and

Whereas, we appreciate the contributions of the over 600 Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department employees who worked in COVID-19 response efforts over the past two years along with 224 Pierce County Medical Reserve Corp, and 1,674 community volunteers who worked more than 10,500 hours at 302 events; including COVID-19 vaccine clinics and testing sites; and

Whereas, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department joined with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) in unified command for 620 consecutive days to protect the community with the DEM administering more than 229,000 COVID-19 tests and more than 95,000 vaccines; and

Whereas, more than 1.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Pierce County with more than 590,000 residents fully vaccinated; and

Whereas, a person's health status can differ drastically by zip code because of social, economic, and environmental health factors, including but not limited to access to healthy food, education, health care, parks and recreation, transportation, and other community assets; and

Whereas, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department promotes public health throughout the community by providing education, resources, and testing to treat community-based issues such as sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol dependency, chronic disease prevention, and food sanitation; **Now, Therefore**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pierce County Council that April 4-10, 2022, is "National Public Health Week" in Pierce County, and we call upon the people of Pierce County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health and support opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits to align with this year's theme: "Public Health is Where You Are."

ADOPTED this 5th day of April 2022.

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