



## National Public Health Week Proclamation

**Whereas** the week of April 1-7, 2019, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For science. For action. For health.”; 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 has decreased in recent years and the three-year drop represents the longest sustained decline in expected lifespan since the Great Recession; further, studies consistently show the United States has a lower life expectancy than comparable countries; 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

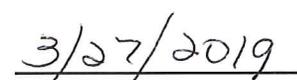
**Whereas** public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

**Whereas** public health action, together with scientific and technologic 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** 60 percent of Americans live with a preventable chronic disease, and health risks such as alcoholism, obesity and tobacco use are the primary reason for 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Merey Price, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2019, as National Public Health Week 2019 and call upon the people in Eau Claire County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For science. For action. For health.”**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Merey Price, President  
Eau Claire City-County Board of Health

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date