

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, The week of April 4-10, 2022 is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Public Health is Where You Are”; and

WHEREAS, A person’s health status can differ drastically by where they live due to social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers, lack of economic opportunity, environmental threats, lack of access to healthy food and health care; and

WHEREAS, U.S. life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017 in the longest sustained decline since the Great Recession and only in 2018 began to increase again; U.S life expectancy then dropped again in 2020 by a full year, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; 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, tuberculosis, 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, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems; and

WHEREAS, Preventable risk factors such as such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use are leading causes of chronic disease; and 6 in 10 U.S adults have a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more; and chronic diseases cause 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities and Ramsey County and other local, state governments and public health leaders have declared racism a public health crisis; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares of April 4-10, 2022 as Public Health Week in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners commends Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health staff -- as well as other partners who collaborate with Public Health - - for their work to help our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers better understand preventive habits to live longer, healthier lives.



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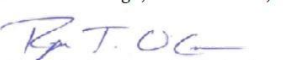
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