

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 1-7, 2002 AS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability and disease; and

WHEREAS, of the 50 additional years of life expectancy we have gained since the turn of the century, the public health approach is credited with the majority—approximately 25 years—of our improvements in our health status and expanded life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness and injury in populations and developing strategies for ensuring healthy living and working environments; and

WHEREAS, the use of population-based strategies for disease and injury prevention, public health has contributed to the decline in illness and injury, including heart disease and stroke, tobacco-related diseases, infectious disease, and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week provides a focused opportunity to celebrate the successes and challenges of public health; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, in conjunction with National Public Health Week, reinforces the national theme –Healthy People in Healthy Communities with a local theme, “Get Moving Washtenaw”, stemming from identified community health needs and the national momentum to improve public health outcomes through the reduction of sedentary lifestyles

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 1-7, 2002 as Public Health Week in Washtenaw County, with the theme “Get Moving Washtenaw”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners urges County residents to join us in honoring our local public health professionals and staff who are committed to health improvement in Washtenaw County.