

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 20th – 26th, 2009 AS PUBLIC HEALTH
WEEK IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2009

WHEREAS, a core function of Washtenaw County Public Health is to lay the groundwork for a healthy community by encouraging healthy living, and identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury; and

WHEREAS, Public Health also monitors and seeks to improve the health of citizens in Washtenaw County through efforts to protect the environment, workplace, housing, food and water; and

WHEREAS, public health improvements in the United States over the last 50 years led to an increase of 30 years in life expectancy in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite these gains our community and nation, particularly our children, still face significant public health challenges, including suffering from preventable diseases related to a lack of appropriate nutrition and fitness;

WHEREAS, there can be no successful health reform to address these challenges without the support of a strong public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, by supporting public health, we can build on the successes of the past and establish the solid foundation needed for a healthy community and nation; and

WHEREAS, County staff, individuals and organizations who make up our community public health system are to be commended for their commitment and diligence in modeling and promoting healthy living; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of APRIL 20th – 26th, 2009 as *Public Health Week in Washtenaw County* and call upon the people of Washtenaw County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of public health to a successful community in light of this year's theme, "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America."

Rolland Sizemore, Jr., Chair
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