

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS**

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**Proclaiming Public Health Week 2019**

Each day, Los Angeles County residents benefit from the services provided by the Department of Public Health (Department). The Department’s responsibilities include preventing and controlling communicable diseases, providing health education through community outreach, conducting restaurant and health facilities inspections, and carrying out population and case-based surveillance; these and many more services administered by the department are crucial in ensuring the County is a safe and healthy place to live, work, and create;

Each year, the County celebrates Public Health Week and recognizes the Department’s efforts to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote the health and well-being of all residents. This year’s Public Health Week will take place on April 1-5, 2019 with the theme of “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For Science. For Action. For Health.” In honor of Public Health Week, the Department of Public Health invites all County residents to empower their communities by attending community events throughout the County to discuss important public health issues such as substance use disorder, violence prevention, environmental justice, emergency preparedness, communicable disease, and other topics of interest to the community.

Additionally, to encourage worksite wellness, all County employees are invited to attend the Employee Public Health Expo and Countywide Fitness Challenge Kick- Off co-hosted with the Department of Human Resources, to be held today from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Grand Park, located at 200 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Proclaim April 1-5, 2019 as “Public Health Week” in the County of Los Angeles; urge all residents, public officials and County employees, as well as community groups, clubs and organizations, to join in activities and take action to make all Los Angeles communities healthy;
2. Encourage all residents to participate in a series of activities that are moving the needle on improving health around the County. Public Health Week will consist of five days of action: day 1, launch of substance use disorder resource and recovery center; day 2, hands-only CPR training to build community resiliency in emergencies; day 3, protecting vulnerable communities from the impacts of air pollution; day 4, launch of the Office of Violence Prevention; and day 5, promotion of West Nile Virus prevention.