

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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**PROCLAIMING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2015**

Each day, every Los Angeles County resident benefits from the services provided by the Department of Public Health (Department). The Department’s responsibilities include key functions such as restaurant and health facility inspections; communicable disease prevention and follow-up services; emergency preparedness and response for bioterrorism, emerging diseases such as Ebola, and other infectious diseases (measles, pertussis); health education and outreach in the community; and population and case-based surveillance to monitor and improve the health of the residents in Los Angeles County (County). These functions are crucial to ensure the County is a safe and healthy place to live, work and visit.

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 6-12, 2015, with the theme of "Kick-Start A Healthier You." This theme was chosen to highlight the importance of improving the general health of residents through education and community-level interventions around physical activity, healthy nutrition, prevention, and caring for their pets’ health, among other areas. The theme also focuses on the

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importance of well-supported public health systems in preventing disease, saving lives, and improving the health and wellness of the whole community. In honor of Public Health Week, all County residents are invited to attend the Community Public Health Expo 2015, "Kick Start A Healthier You," on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at La Placita near Olvera Street. Co-hosted with the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, the event will include free health screenings, physical activity demonstrations, tips on how to stay healthy, and emergency preparedness information. Additionally, the Departments of Public Health, Animal Care and Control, and Parks and Recreation will co-host the first ever Public Health Week 2015 Healthy Pet Expo on Saturday April 18, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area meadows picnic area. Recognizing that keeping pets healthy helps residents achieve optimal health for themselves, the event will include free and low-cost dog and cat vaccines, low-cost spay and neutering, pet adoptions, health and nutrition tips on how to keep your pet healthy, obedience training demonstrations, bite prevention information, emergency preparedness, and stage performances throughout the day.

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.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim April 6-12, 2015 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 the effort to promote good public health practices throughout the County;

2. Encourage all County employees to support and attend the Tuesday, April 7, 2015 Kick-Off event at Grand Park located at 200 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
3. Encourage all residents to attend the Community Public Health Expo 2015, "Kick Start A Healthier You," on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at La Placita near Olvera Street;
4. Encourage all residents and their cats and dogs to attend the Public Health Week 2015 Healthy Pet Expo on Saturday April 18, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area; and
5. Waive the \$1,345 rental fee for the Meadows Picnic Area of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, and waive the \$6 parking fee for 1,500 cars for participants attending the Public Health Week 2015 Healthy Pet Expo.

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