

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

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**Proclaiming Public Health Week 2023**

Every day, Los Angeles County residents benefit from the services provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). Public Health’s responsibilities include preventing and controlling communicable diseases, providing health education through community outreach, conducting restaurant and health facility inspections, and carrying out population and case-based surveillance. These and many more services administered by Public Health 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. The theme for Public Health Week 2023, “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health”, celebrates the unique and joyful ways different cultures focus on health and how we can learn from each other with humility and openness. Recognizing the vast network of community-based partners we rely on to carry out this work, we will be joining with partners to host seven themed events from

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April 3rd through April 7th, 2023, in distinct neighborhoods across LA County, highlighting the collaborative work being done to create healthier, stronger, and safer communities. Public Health invites all County residents to empower their communities by attending these events taking place throughout the County to discuss important public health issues such as around mental health, rural health, violence prevention, substance use disorder, and sexual and reproductive health and other topics of interest to the community.

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

1. Proclaim April 3-7, 2023 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 the Gun Violence Platform and Report; day 2, Fentanyl prevention outreach and Student Wellbeing Roundtable with peer leaders; day 3, celebrate cultural birth traditions and bring awareness of resources related to birth support at the BIRTH-DAY Celebration; day 4, Wellness Community Launch for mental health resources and food distribution; and day 5, tenant’s rights and habitability information session. We will also be launching the Heart Heroes Campaign by offering 15 Hands Only CPR training sessions across the County. For more information on Public Health Week activities, please visit: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek>

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