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Proclaiming National Prevention Week 2026 In Los Angeles County

Each year, National Prevention Week is observed to increase public awareness of, and action around, substance use prevention and mental health promotion. This year, National Prevention Week will be commemorated across the country from May 10-16, 2026. National Prevention Week is also an opportunity to celebrate the impacts of individuals and organizations who make a difference throughout the County by increasing access to prevention services. This year, the County is centering National Prevention Week on youth and full-time college students, who most often use substances for the first time when the school year ends.

As the end of the school year approaches, National Prevention Week offers an opportunity for schools, communities, and health service providers to engage in activities that foster prevention of substance use disorders, while strengthening community and family bonds that foster mental health. Parents, teachers, and others are encouraged to speak to children, students, and youth about the risks of alcohol, cannabis, and other drug use, and equip them before the summer break with the best information to prevent substance use, addiction, and other substance-related harms.

The County also promotes substance use prevention through a network of

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community-based organizations and programs that seek to prevent overdose deaths and reduce alcohol, cannabis, methamphetamine, prescription drugs, and opioid misuse and abuse, including among youth and young adults, thereby establishing community conditions and norms that lead to healthier lives and safer communities. National Prevention Week is a reminder of the importance of utilizing a whole-of-community approach to ensure everyone, including adolescents and young adults, have access to the resources that will enable them to make informed decisions. For more information on the harms of excessive alcohol and drug use, and prevention resources and a calendar of Prevention Week events, visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/>.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 10-16, 2026 as National Prevention Week in the County of Los Angeles; encourage all residents, public officials and County employees, as well as schools, colleges, and universities to join in prevention-themed activities that engage and empower youth to make healthy and safe decisions about substance use (e.g., school assemblies and social media chats); and take action to reduce the impact of substance use in Los Angeles County communities.

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