

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0421 Recognizing Public Health Week

WHEREAS public health work strengthens Denver’s health, safety, environment, and economy by uniting all who play a role in stopping health threats before they start, and, building on decades of experience, relies on science and data to respond to issues that threaten the wellbeing of our communities; and

WHEREAS the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) takes a holistic approach to ensuring Denver’s people, pets, and environment are healthy by implementing equitable strategies that directly improve lives while serving as a leader and convener among partners across the region; and

WHEREAS Denver utilizes an innovative One Health model that recognizes the deep connection between the health of people, animals, and the environment - caring for nearly 10,000 animals every year through the Denver Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS DDPHE is actively combating key public health challenges, including the overdose and mental health crises, by saving lives through harm reduction strategies, community outreach, and evidence-based interventions; and

WHEREAS epidemiologists, disease investigators, and public health nurses work tirelessly to protect Denverites, particularly the most vulnerable, from the spread of highly contagious illnesses such as measles through contact tracing, vaccination efforts, and community education; and

WHEREAS DDPHE team members at the Office of the Medical Examiner support Denver families on the worst days of their lives, providing compassionate guidance and resources through the Family Advocate Support Team; and

WHEREAS DDPHE investigators ensure the places where Denverites live, work, learn, and play are safe by monitoring environmental hazards, enforcing health regulations, and addressing risks before they escalate; and

WHEREAS the 2026 theme of “National Public Health Week, Ready. Set. Action!” recognizes how public health has improved daily life and strengthened our communities, and honors the public health workers who show up each day to advocate for policies and practices that promote good health for all Denverites.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes April 6 – 12, 2026, as Public Health Week.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Karin McGowan, Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 31, 2026

PRESIDENT

