



Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-7, 2024, is National Public Health Week, and the theme for the week is "Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health"; each day of the week has a unique theme, and this year's themes are Civic Engagement, Healthy Neighborhoods, Climate Change, New Tools and Innovations, Reproductive and Sexual Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Future of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks, pandemics, natural disasters, and disasters caused by human activity; and

WHEREAS, public health actions, together with scientific and technological advances, play a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, our actions, including choices in nutrition and physical activity, can influence the health and safety of our communities, families, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the State health improvement plan, *Healthy Alaskans 2030*, emphasizes that our public health systems, across many sectors, agencies, and communities, are critical to improving the overall health of Alaskans and reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week encourages us to develop and maintain healthy communities and strong partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and to work together to address the unique health challenges facing Alaskans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim April 1 – 7, 2024 as:

National Public Health Week

in Alaska and encourage all Alaskans to be active in the pursuit of public health and safety.

Dated: April 1, 2024



Mike Dunleavy, Governor who has also authorized the seal of the State of Alaska to be affixed to this proclamation.