

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

Public Health Month

WHEREAS since 1995, the American Public Health Association has sponsored National Public Health Week to educate the public, policymakers and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS the top 10 causes of death in Thurston County are related to preventable conditions, modifiable behaviors and the community environment; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County is among the top 10 healthiest Washington State counties, improving to 6th place this year, in the annual County Health Rankings of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, April 2018 marks the fifth anniversary of *Thurston Thrives*, our county's partnership among public and private groups that engages the community and fosters collaboration to build health into our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, *Thurston Thrives* action teams and workgroups are making a difference by creating better access to healthier foods and places to be active, protecting water quality, creating affordable housing, promoting clean air and stable climate, helping families increase resilience, reducing adverse childhood experiences, protecting public safety and better connecting our local communities; and

WHEREAS, *Thurston Thrives* and its many partners are working together to keep our community healthy and continue to work towards the healthiest community possible; and

WHEREAS, April 2-8, 2018 is National Public Health Week, and American Public Health Association urges everyone to rally around a goal of making the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Thurston County Board of Health hereby proclaims April 2018 as **Public Health Month** in Thurston County and urges all citizens to join in this special observance to take action toward a goal of making our community, state and nation the healthiest we can be and invites all County residents to volunteer - taking care of people and places, and shaping the plans and policies, in our community so that Thurston thrives.

Adopted this 10th day of April, 2018

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