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### Department of Public Health

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#### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** April 7, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Kathy Cahill, MPH, Director of Public Health**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Proclaiming April 6-12, 2026 as Public Health Week in Nevada County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1995, during the first full week of April, the American Public Health Association (APHA) has united communities across the nation for National Public Health Week (NPHW)—a dedicated time to honor the critical contributions of public health and to spotlight initiatives that enhance the well-being of our residents. This year, as we observe NPHW under the theme “It Starts Here: Your Health is Our Mission,” we reaffirm our commitment to not only advancing public health but also to supporting the County’s broader goals and objectives.

At Nevada County Public Health (NCPH), we understand that community health is intricately linked to every aspect of local governance. Just as our Board prioritizes initiatives that ensure robust emergency preparedness and climate resilience, our public health efforts are designed to create a safe, responsive, and adaptable environment for all residents. Our work—from expanding access to immunizations and prenatal care to educating our youth on mental health—is a reflection of our collective commitment to safeguarding the well-being of every member of our community.

The achievements of public health over the past 150 years have resulted in dramatic improvements in life expectancy and quality of life. Our modern public health system, which has led to the eradication of many diseases and the expansion of critical vaccination programs, is also a cornerstone in building community resilience. By integrating evidence-based practices with strategic planning, we are better prepared to protect our community when unforeseen events occur.

This alignment between our public health initiatives and the County's objectives is vital. Our continuous investments in the foundational services of reproductive care, prevention of communicable and chronic diseases, and climate-responsive strategies not only improve health outcomes but also enhance our County's overall resilience. We firmly believe that our collective efforts create a healthier, safer, and more equitable Nevada County.

During National Public Health Week, we celebrate our progress and the tireless dedication of our health care workers and public health professionals. Their commitment is the driving force behind our community's ability to thrive amid challenges. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to ending health disparities, advancing science, and ensuring that every decision we make fortifies the safety, strength, and resilience of Nevada County.

We appreciate your continued leadership and partnership in these critical endeavors. Together, we can ensure that Nevada County remains a model of preparedness, innovation, and community well-being.

**Approved by:** Kathy Cahill, MPH, Director of Public Health