

Item 5



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: April 2, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming,
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve Proclamation Observing National Public Health Week April 1st – April 7th.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Since 1995, THE American Public Health Association has served as lead organizer for National Public Health Week. During the first full week of April each year, communities across the United States have observed NPHW as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving the public health.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of this proposed proclamation.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

This proclamation provides an opportunity for the Commissioners Court to highlight its support and encourage employees of Travis County to engage in healthy habits and awareness of health issues that plague our community. The Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Department along with the Wellness Clinic is providing blood pressure screening as a part of the NPHW campaign.

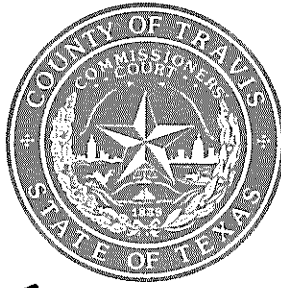
FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This item will not increase the County Budget.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health works through many collaborations to protect us every day: from prenatal care to immunizations; from the water we drink, to the parks we play in; from the restaurants we eat at, to infant seats and bike helmets; and, educates us about the benefits of being healthy; and

WHEREAS, public health is a framework of relevant resources, safeguards and protections ensuring that all Travis County residents have a safe community and the freedom to make choices that allow them to live a long, healthy life; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week provides the opportunity for the residents of our community and healthcare professionals to learn about public health concerns and success stories which are vital to building healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Public Health Week theme for 2013—"Public Health is Return On Investment: Save Lives, Save Money," promotes a resilient public health system through prevention efforts and is the most cost-effective means to fight disease, illness, and injury by:

- Ensuring a Safe, Healthy Home for Your Family
- Providing a Safe Environment for Children at School
- Creating a Healthy Workplace
- Protecting You While You're on the Move
- Empowering a Healthy Community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT ALL RESIDENTS AND TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEES OBSERVE APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2013 AS

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2013

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

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