



To: Mayor and Council

Agenda Item #: V.B.

From: Jeff Brown, Community Health Administrator

Action

Date: April 7, 2015

Discussion

Subject: Public Health Week Proclamation

Information

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached Proclamation of Public Health Week in the City of Edina for the week of April 6-12, 2015.

Information / Background:

The American Public Health Association sponsors National Public Health Week each year to draw attention to public health issues throughout the United States. Public Health focuses on prevention, education and outreach to help individuals make safe and healthy decisions. Safe environments, healthy choices and preventative lifestyle habits have the potential to increase life expectancy and have community-wide economic benefits.

PROCLAMATION PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 6 – 12, 2015, is National Public Health Week in the United States and the theme is “Healthiest Nation 2030”; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

WHEREAS, preventable chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion; and

WHEREAS, investing just \$10 per person each year in proven, community-based public health efforts could save the nation more than \$16 billion within five years; and

WHEREAS, a strong public health system is critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Edina, MN, hereby proclaims April 6 – 12, 2015, as

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

In the City of Edina, MN and call upon the people of Edina to observe this week by helping out families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “Healthiest Nation 2030”.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2015.

James B. Hovland, Mayor