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3 **RESOLUTION: Proclaim the Week of April 6-12, 2020, as National Public Health Week in**  
4 **Winnebago County**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS** the week of April 6-12, 2020, is National Public Health Week (“NPHW@25: Looking Back,  
9 Looking Forward”); and

10 **WHEREAS**, the goal of celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Public Health Week is to highlight some  
11 of the greatest public health successes while looking to the future to set goals and work to ensure equity; and

12 **WHEREAS**, since 1995 public health organizations have used National Public Health Week to educate the  
13 public, policymakers, and public health professionals on issues that are important to improving the public’s health;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, U.S. life expectancy has decreased in recent years and the three-year drop represents the  
16 longest sustained decline in expected lifespan since the Great Recession; and

17 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Academy of Medicine, despite being one of the wealthiest nations in  
18 the world, the U.S. ranks below many other economically prosperous and developing countries with respect to  
19 measures of health, including life expectancy, infant mortality, and maternal mortality rates; and

20 **WHEREAS**, there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health, and drug  
21 use, among people living in rural areas compared to urban areas, and this variance increases because rural  
22 residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty,  
23 transportation barriers, and lack of economic opportunity; and

24 **WHEREAS**, public health professionals collaborate with partners that are outside of the health sector, such  
25 as city planners, transportation officials, education officials, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other  
26 sectors have an important influence on health; and

27 **WHEREAS**, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from  
28 the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as measles, natural disasters, and  
29 disasters caused by human activity; and

30 **WHEREAS**, public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role  
31 in reducing and in some cases eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease  
32 surveillance and control systems; and

33 **WHEREAS**, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted  
34 in substantial declines in cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable  
35 diseases; and

36 **WHEREAS**, 60 percent of Americans live with a preventable chronic disease, and health risks such as  
37 alcoholism, obesity, and tobacco use are the primary reasons for 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the U.S.; and

38 **WHEREAS**, more women die from pregnancy-related deaths in the United States than any other developed  
39 country, and an estimated 60 percent of such maternal deaths are preventable; and

40 **WHEREAS**, drug overdoses more than tripled from 1999 to 2016 and have become the leading cause of  
41 death in the United States, with an average of 130 people dying every day; and

