

THE CITY OF FARGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The week of April 7, 2025, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "It Starts Here" highlighting the importance of making a difference in our home, community and state; and

WHEREAS, This year is the 30th anniversary of celebrating National Public Health Week and in the past 30 years significant strides have been made in public health; and

WHEREAS, Deaths due to HIV/AIDS have dropped significantly with antiretroviral therapy; and

WHEREAS, Smoking rates have fallen to 11.4% due to comprehensive smoke-free policies, public awareness campaigns and taxation of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, Childhood mortality has fallen to 5.4 deaths per 1,000 live births due to vaccines, better healthcare access and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Mental health awareness and treatment has progressed with increased awareness, parity laws and integration into primary care; and

WHEREAS, Lead poisoning has fallen to less than 0.5% due to policies banning leaded gasoline and reducing lead in paint, pipes and water systems; and

WHEREAS, Pandemic preparedness has grown after the COVID-19 pandemic, spurring significant advancements in mRNA technology, global vaccine deployment and increased investments in infrastructure, stockpiles and global surveillance; and

WHEREAS, Public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of Fargo, North Dakota
do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2025 to be

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

In Fargo and call upon the people to observe this week by helping families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to recognize the contribution of public health in improving the health of the people of our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of The City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 2nd day of April, 2025.



Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor
Fargo, North Dakota