

**FORSYTH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BRIEFING  
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH IN  
FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS** since 1916, the Forsyth County Department of Public Health has provided vital public health services to a rapidly growing and changing population;

**WHEREAS** U.S. life expectancy has decreased in recent years and the three-year drop represents the longest sustained decline in expected lifespan since World War I; further, studies consistently show United States has a lower life expectancy than comparable countries;

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

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

**WHEREAS** 60% of Americans live with a preventable chronic disease, and health risks such as alcoholism, obesity and tobacco use are the primary reason for 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2019 as Public Health Month in Forsyth County and recognize April 6, 2019, as the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.