

**PROCLAMATION**

**National Public Health Week  
April 6 – 12, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 6 – 12, 2015, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is Healthiest Nation 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1905 the Pennsylvania Department of Health has provided public health services to commonwealth residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing injury and disease, and assuring safe delivery of quality health care for all commonwealth citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, seven in 10 deaths in Pennsylvania are related to preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, most chronic health diseases can be prevented by making healthy choices like eating right, maintaining a healthy weight, keeping active, refraining from smoking, and getting recommended screening tests; and

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

**WHEREAS**, some of the greatest achievements of public health include immunizing residents against diseases, identifying and controlling infectious diseases, preparing residents for public health emergencies, improving health for women and children, providing safer and healthier foods, implementing occupational health safety measures, and promoting healthy behaviors, including increased physical activity, good nutrition, and tobacco prevention and cessation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is devoted to building a healthier Pennsylvania by 1) working together to create an environment that supports and encourages a healthy lifestyle, 2) encouraging effective programs that address and improve health behaviors, and 3) investing in public health programs that address chronic diseases and the risk factors that cause them.

**THEREFORE, I**, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2015, as National Public Health Week and encourage all residents to make healthy choices to live healthier and longer lives.

GIVEN under my hand the Seal of the Governor,  
at the City of Harrisburg, on this sixth day of  
April in the Year of our Lord, two thousand and  
fifteen, and of the commonwealth the two  
hundred and fifteenth.

TOM WOLF  
Governor