

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
APRIL 2019 AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH**

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

WHEREAS public health professionals play critical roles in helping 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 and man-made 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 current public health practice has expanded from a focus on sanitation and controlling the spread of infectious diseases and now includes preventing the onset of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and cancer and addressing health risks such as tobacco and alcohol use, obesity, and other substance use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes April 2019, as Public Health Month and April 6, 2019, as the 103rd anniversary of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to take time this month to honor the contributions of the Forsyth County Public Health Department and its employees in maintaining and improving the health and well-being of the residents of our community.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2019.