

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 6-12, 2020, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-12, 2020, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "NPHW@25: Looking Back, Moving Forward."; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

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

WHEREAS, Constance (Connie) J. Caldwell M.D. was one of the many dedicated public health leaders in Mendocino County serving both as a California Children's Services program consultant to the Public Health Branch of the Health and Human Services Agency as well as the Public Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caldwell passed away in November of 2019 after over 30 years of serving her communities, her patients, and public health; and

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 COVID-19, measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims the week of April 6-12, 2020, as **National Public Health Week 2020** in Mendocino County and dedicates this week to Constance J Caldwell M.D. and other public health professionals who serve to protect our communities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon the people of Mendocino County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities and to celebrate public health's accomplishments in light of this year's theme, NPHW@25: Looking Back, Moving Forward.

Dated: April 7, 2020



John Haschak, Chair