



2024 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the theme for National Public Health Week in 2024 is “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health” and its goal is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people of the United States and achieving health equity; and

WHEREAS, Saline County is a supporter of local public health and the public health system; and

WHEREAS, racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States continue to experience disparities in the burden of illness and death, as compared with the entire population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, public health organizations use National Public Health Week to educate public policymakers and public health professionals on issues that are important to improving the health of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks, such as the COVID–19 pandemic; natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and other disasters, including disasters caused by human activity and public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW THEREFORE, the Saline County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2024 as National Public Health Week.

Joe Hay, Jr., Commission Chairman