

Public Health Month

2016

By the Board of Commissioners of Moore County, North Carolina

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for Moore County's residents, and

WHEREAS, public health plays a critical role in eliminating health inequities and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on promoting public health programs that provide accessible, high-quality medical care and that promote healthy lifestyles for women of childbearing years has resulted in a 17 percent decline in infant mortality since 2000; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on prevention has resulted in a 40 percent decline in age-adjusted heart disease death rates since 2000, a 45 percent decline in age-adjusted stroke death rates since 2000, and a 56 percent decline in birth rates for teens (ages 15-19) since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to a continued emphasis on prevention in public health and on helping North Carolina reach a better state of health through actions outlined in the Healthy North Carolina 2020 Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy North Carolina 2020 health objectives represent a 10 year plan to improve the health of all North Carolinians by working to promote access to preventative and needed health services; foster positive and supportive living and working conditions in our communities; and support individuals in developing the capacities and skills to achieve healthy living; and

WHEREAS, communities, employers, hospitals, and health care providers, individuals and families, insurers, legislators and policy makers, schools and child care facilities must work together to identify and develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Moore County;

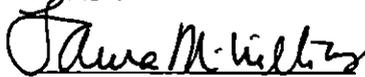
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Moore County do hereby proclaim April 2016, as "**PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH**" in Moore County, North Carolina and recommend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Moore in Moore County, North Carolina this fifth day of April 2016.



Nick Picerno
Chairman

ATTEST:



Laura M. Williams

Clerk to the Board of Moore County Commissioners

