

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 53

Proclaiming April 6th to 12th, 2026 as National Public Health Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

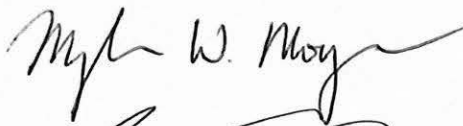
- A. The first full week of April is recognized annually as National Public Health Week, centered this year on the theme "Ready. Set. Action." to highlight the necessity of a fully-funded, accessible, and responsive public health system.
- B. Racism remains a critical public health crisis, driving inequities in the social determinants of health—including housing, education, and economic stability—which result in disproportionately lower life expectancies for American Indian, Alaska Native, Black, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community members.
- C. Multnomah County's commitment to public health dates back to 1854, evolving into a modern system that prioritizes the most vulnerable and historically underserved populations to improve the quality of life for every resident.
- D. Public health success is driven by the evidence-based work of program specialists, epidemiologists, disease investigators, community health workers, medical professionals, and scientists dedicated to clinical services, community outreach, and population health.
- E. The Health Department works tirelessly to eliminate the systems and beliefs that drive health inequities through culturally competent perinatal support, clinical services, communicable disease investigation, and data-driven community outreach.
- F. Public health plays a vital role in protecting our community from food and water borne illness, vectors, and climate change focusing resources on those most impacted by heat, wildfire smoke, and environmental hazards.
- G. The Health Department is dedicated to reducing preventable deaths by promoting immunizations, enforcing tobacco regulations, and implementing the Overdose Prevention and Response Plan.
- H. Our public health professionals provide a critical safety net, including the investigation and containment of communicable diseases, case management and treatment for TB and HIV, and the administration of the WIC program, which in 2025 provided essential nutrition to over 19,000 individuals.

I. These successes are made possible by the 1,600 employees of the Health Department, specifically the 300 members of the Public Health Division, who bring lifesaving expertise and passion to our community every day.

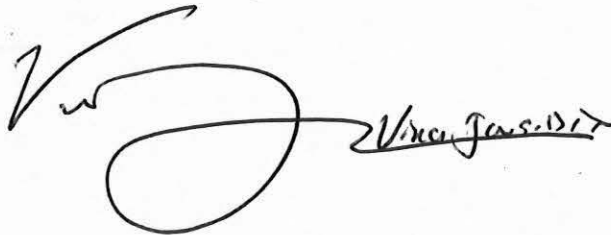
Multnomah County Proclaims:

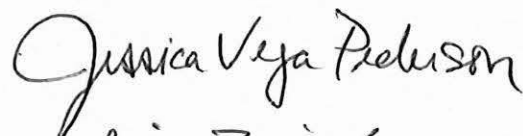
Multnomah County proclaims April 6-12, 2026 Public Health Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. This recognizes the efforts of the Multnomah County Health Department, the County, the State, and local municipalities, Tribes, local communities, and individuals in preventing disease, reducing environmental hazards and promoting health equity through community partnerships, education, and policy.

SIGNED this 1st day of April, 2026.






Vince Jones





REVIEWED:
JENNY M. MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By:

Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney

SPONSORED BY: Rachael Banks, Health Department Director