Public Health Week is April 2 - 8

From the beaches to the mountains, in city streets and in flower fields, with people in all stages of life, public health agencies are at work. Often their efforts go unnoticed. But enjoying a safely prepared meal in a restaurant is as much a part of public health as getting a flu shot at a local clinic.

April 2-8 is Public Health Week, a time for celebrating public health efforts nationwide. This year, Santa Barbara County is celebrating with a proclamation at the Board of Supervisors, and with a variety of new tools, videos and health information for the public on the Public Health Department website. April is also National County Government month and this year the theme is “Healthy Counties/Healthy Families”.

Supervisors Salud Carbajal and Janet Wolf will be presenting a resolution proclaiming Public Health Week and National County Government Month at the April 3rd meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Takashi Wada, Public Health Department Director and Health Officer and Dr. Scott McCann, Director of Health Education, will be accepting the resolution on behalf of the Public Health Department.

“When people think of Public Health, they often think of our Health Care Centers which care for thousands of people with Medi-Cal and Medicare as well as those who have no insurance”, Dr. Wada stated. “But Public Health is something that touches every one of us through programs such as Communicable Disease Control, Environmental Health, Animal Services, Tobacco Prevention, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health, and Disaster Preparedness.”

Santa Barbara County is celebrating Public Health Week with a number of activities, including:
- A resolution proclaiming Public Health Week at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 3
- New materials, such as videos on how to save a life with hands-only CPR, tools for selecting the perfect pet or rating your own health behavior, and data on local restaurant health inspection results, on the Public Health website at www.sbcphd.org
- Just published rankings comparing how Santa Barbara County ranks to other counties in California for Health Outcomes and Health Factors

For more information about Public Health refer to the Public Health Facts sheet or go to the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Website at www.sbcphd.org

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