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NEW YORK'S COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

A Week of Focus on Building Healthier Communities



April 1, 2019 (Albany, NY) - The leadership and members of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) will join their counterparts from across the nation to mark April 1-7 as National Public Health Week. During this week, public health leaders will add their voices to a legion of local, state and national governmental public health agencies, academic institutions, allied organizations, community groups, health care providers and professional and trade associations to focus attention on six public health priorities that are critical to the future success of our families and communities.

“National Public Health Week is an important time for us to develop greater awareness of and support for critical public health issues,” said NYSACHO President Paul Pettit, who also serves as Public Health Director for the Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments.

“This week of focus and recommitment also serves to recognize the incalculable positive impact that local health department staff have on their communities,” said Pettit. “Their commitment, expertise and sacrifice deserve our recognition and our thanks. We’re asking New Yorkers to take a moment each day this week to reflect on these priorities, and then take an active role in making a positive difference.”

The theme for the week is “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For science, For action, For health.” The calendar of topics is as follows:

Monday — Healthy Communities
Tuesday — Violence Prevention
Wednesday — Rural Health
Thursday — Technology and Public Health
Friday — Climate Change
Saturday and Sunday — Global Health

The 58 local health departments represented by NYSACHO serve on the front lines of public health response, protection and improvement. One of their top priorities is helping communities better respond to local public health threats by implementing awareness strategies that help prevent illness and injury.

To learn more about how you can participate in National Public Health Week activities, visit www.nphw.org or follow the New York State Association of County Health Officials on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nysacho where we will be spotlighting local level activities taking place in your community all week long.

For more information on NYSACHO’s legislative priorities visit: <https://www.nysacho.org/topic/testimony/>. You can add your voice to NYSACHO’s public health advocacy at: <https://www.facebook.com/NYSACHO/>.

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