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**Local Health Departments in New York State Proudly Celebrate
National Public Health Week**

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“As we celebrate 2025 National Public Health Week, the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) proudly recognizes and uplifts the work of our local health departments—cornerstones of community well-being across New York State.

As pillars of health strategy, local health departments are keenly aware of the issues that matter most to the health and safety of our families, neighborhoods, and communities. Whether it’s making sure a child has access to early intervention services, keeping our restaurants safe through inspections, reducing the risk of childhood exposure to lead poisoning, preventing the spread of infectious disease, or ensuring families and babies have the support they need to thrive—local public health is present, persistent, and essential throughout New York State.

Each day and around the clock, these dedicated public servants work quietly and effectively to make our communities safer and healthier. They protect our time with loved ones, support our ability to work and learn, and ensure access to the services that allow us all to live well and with enjoyment. They are the people behind mosquito control efforts, chronic disease prevention, vaccination clinics, and emergency response—and yet, their contributions are too often misunderstood or taken for granted. Local health departments are the backbone of our public health system and care deeply about the health and economic resilience of their communities.

During this National Public Health Week, NYSACHO proudly stands with and for these professionals and our partners working around the state in the field of public health. We honor their dedication, perseverance, and expertise. We amplify their stories, their challenges, and their triumphs. Over this week of recognition, I encourage our community members to learn more about what your local health department does for your community by visiting NYSACHO’s website at: www.nysacho.org.”

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