



PROCLAMATION

APPRECIATION TO TCHD STAFF ON THE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, March 2022 marks the two-year anniversary of the first two cases of COVID-19 identified in Colorado; the activation of an emergency response to the COVID-19 Pandemic by Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) staff: shifting the attention of much of the agency to a single priority – lessening the impacts of this illness on our communities; and massive disruptions in all aspects of our community life; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years, we have experienced a tragically heavy loss of life, including almost 3,000 deaths across our three counties, over 12,000 across Colorado, and almost 950,000 across our nation; and

WHEREAS, public health agencies like TCHD were dramatically impacted by the unprecedented magnitude of the many demands placed on us, the continuously evolving understanding of how to fight the pandemic, and particularly by the unprecedented divisiveness and the profound loss of trust in the advice of experts that the pandemic spawned; and

WHEREAS, we have all experienced a collective trauma from this pandemic with many losing loved ones, jobs and financial security; missing out on education; postponing important celebrations; and losing time with those we love; and

WHEREAS, over the course of viral surges and changes to guidance and requirements, we all have been forced out of our comfort zones and asked time and time again to adopt new and innovative ways of working and living all while continuing to provide essential public health services; and

WHEREAS, residents across our communities are worn out, fatigued, frustrated, and physically exhausted; especially public health workers who have been on the front lines since the earliest days of this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals here at TCHD, across the state of Colorado, and across the country have rapidly applied the many lessons learned and new skills and knowledge acquired to respond to the pandemic; and

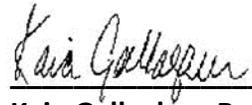
WHEREAS, even as we move into what will hopefully remain a steady trajectory of improvement, we grow more amazed each day as to the enormous contributions and sacrifices by TCHD staff who have all been a part of an event of immense historic importance and whose experiences together should be a source of great pride to them and their communities for decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Tri-County Health Department Board of Health, with deep appreciation, commends the heroic efforts of TCHD staff over the past two years. The

challenges of this pandemic and those still ahead of us generate a multitude of mixed emotions and, above all, gratitude for the countless hours, incredible effort, and sheer fortitude shown by all of the people who make up TCHD.

IN WITNESS THEREOF on this 10th day of March, 2022

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH



Kaia Gallagher, Board of Health Co-chair, Arapahoe County



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