



2016 Public Health Month Proclamation

By the Guilford County Board of Commissioners
Guilford County, North Carolina

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize and acknowledge 105 years of public health service to the residents of Guilford County by the Guilford County Department of Public Health, and the immeasurable contribution of their services and programs to the quality of life in our County; and

WHEREAS, the County's public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for Guilford County's residents, such that Guilford County residents have an average life expectancy of 79 years; and

WHEREAS, the County's public health department plays a critical role in eliminating health inequities and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all residents of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on promoting public health programs that provide accessible, high-quality medical care and that promote healthy lifestyles for North Carolina women of childbearing years has resulted in a 17 percent decline in infant mortality since 2000; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on prevention has resulted in a 40 percent decline in age-adjusted heart disease death rates since 2000, a 45 percent decline in age-adjusted stroke death rates since 2000 and a 56 percent decline in birth rates for teens (ages 15 – 19) since 2000 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our health department is committed to a continued emphasis on prevention in public health and on helping Guilford County reach a better state of health through actions outlined in the Healthy North Carolina 2020 Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy North Carolina 2020 health objectives represent a 10 year plan to improve the health of all North Carolinians by working to promote access to preventive and needed health services; foster positive and supportive living and working conditions in our communities; and support individuals in developing the capacities and skills to achieve healthy living; and

WHEREAS, communities, employers, hospitals and health care providers, individuals and families, insurers, legislators and policy makers, schools and child care facilities must work together to identify and develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Guilford County;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Guilford County Board of Health do hereby proclaim
April, 2016 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

This Board encourages all Guilford County residents to take steps to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of their families by making healthy personal lifestyle choices, seeking regular preventative health care and logging on to www.myguilford.com for information and suggestions for maintaining and improving health.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my
hand to this proclamation this 7th day of April

Jeff Phillips, Chair
Guilford County Board of Commissioners