

Proclamation

National Minority Health Month

April 2019

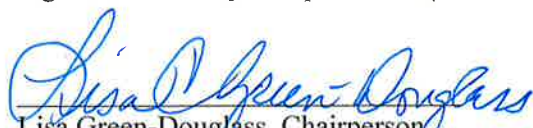
- Whereas,** seventeen percent of Johnson County's population identifies as a population of color, which is almost double the statewide percentage of people of color; and
- Whereas,** significant health disparities exist among minority groups, including differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of preventable health conditions and diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality, and immunizations; and
- Whereas,** National Minority Health Month is an inclusive initiative addressing health needs of African American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American people and other minorities with the aim of strengthening the capacities of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in populations of color through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications; and
- Whereas,** April has been observed across the country as National Minority Health Month; and
- Whereas,** the mission of Johnson County Public Health is to improve the health and well-being of Johnson County populations through the development of health policies and culturally and linguistically relevant programs to eliminate health disparities; and
- Whereas,** even though improvements have been made in the health status of most Johnson County residents during the past decade, the county's populations of color remain challenged by poorer rates of overall health status and higher death rates for preventable disease; and
- Whereas,** public awareness and culturally relevant health education, disease prevention, and health care services are essential to improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities; and
- Whereas,** in accordance with this year's National Minority Health Month theme, "Active and Healthy," Johnson County Public Health is focused on emphasizing the health benefits of incorporating even small amounts of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity into our schedules. Physical activity promotes health and reduces the risk of chronic diseases and other conditions that are more common or severe among racial and ethnic populations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as:

National Minority Health Month

in Johnson County, Iowa, and urge all residents to recognize this month by heightening awareness, building partnerships and sharing prevention strategies and appropriate health information to help eliminate health disparities for all people of color.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2019, in Johnson County, Iowa.


Lisa Green-Douglass, Chairperson
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

