CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 7 is the 30th National Public Health Week and in the past 30 years significant strides have led to many public health successes including the following:

1. deaths due to HIV/AIDS, which peaked in 1994, have dropped significantly with Antiretroviral therapy ensuring most people with HIV can live normal lifespans and prevention tools like PrEP significantly reduce transmission;
2. smoking rates, which were as high as 25.5% among U.S. adults in 1994, have now fallen to 11.4 %;
3. childhood mortality, which was at a rate of 13.8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1994, has now fallen to 5.4 deaths per 1,000 live births due to vaccines, better healthcare access and nutrition;
4. lead poisoning, with 4.4% of U.S. children having elevated blood lead levels in 1994, has now fallen to less than 0.5% due to policies banning leaded gasoline and reducing lead in paint, pipes, and water systems; and

WHEREAS, a person's health status can differ drastically by ZIP code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness; efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on promoting wellness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7, 2025 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in Spokane and encourage all residents to support the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week and the vision of Spokane Regional Health District to help create healthy lives, safe environments, and thriving communities in the Spokane region.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
28th day of March 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor