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Cecil County Health Department Observes National Public Health Week, April 3-9, 2017

Each year during the first week of April, public health agencies and advocates throughout the United States set time aside to honor and renew their dedication to the role of public health in our society. Cecil County Health Officer Stephanie Garrity declared Cecil County Health Department’s observation of National Public Health Week, April 3-9, 2017, with the following statement:

“I have the great pleasure to work alongside dedicated professionals who are the driving force of the many accomplishments of public health in our community. The Health Department and its community partners work diligently to make sure that the water we drink and the food we eat are up to standards; the preventive care to help fight disease is available to us; the network of care for people in our community who find themselves struggling with addiction, homelessness and mental health issues is accessible; our community is prepared to protect the health and safety of all residents during a disaster; we have resources to reduce tobacco use and other detrimental health factors; and much more.

“These efforts here in Cecil County and around the United States improve the quality of life for everyone. Americans are living 20 years longer than our grandparents’ generation, thanks largely to the work of public health. Still, people in many other high income countries live longer and suffer fewer health issues than Americans do. During National Public Health Week 2017 and beyond, the Cecil County Health Department is rallying around the goal of making the U.S. the healthiest nation in one generation by the year 2030 – working to build a culture and set goals to meet that challenge.

“Our task begins by continually learning our community’s evolving health needs and challenges, and revising our strategies to address them. Here in Cecil County, the Health Department works toward that end through its Cecil County Community Health Advisory Committee, a partnership of community organizations, government, groups, and individuals committed to improve the overall quality of health in Cecil County. The committee works through six task forces — Cancer Task Force, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, Healthy Lifestyles Task Force, Inter-agency Council on Homelessness, Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Committee, and Tobacco Task Force — to find solutions to critical health problems affecting Cecil County residents.”

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“Each one of these efforts finds Cecil County Health Department staff going above and beyond their own significant duties to fill any gaps in the safety net of public health, working together for a healthier Cecil.

“During National Public Health Week, I encourage counties residents to stop by the Health Department at 401 Bow St. in Elkton to get an idea of the range of services provided by our 150 employees in six divisions. Please join me in honoring the work they do to help assure that Cecil County is home to healthy people, a healthy community and a healthy future.”

For more information, visit www.cecilcounty.health.org or contact the Cecil County Health Department at 410-996-5550.

The Cecil County Health Department, in partnership with the community, strives to improve the health of Cecil County and its residents by providing leadership to find solutions to our health problems through assessment, policy development and assurance of quality health services and education.

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