PROCLAMATION

National Public Health Week

April 2 - 8, 2012

WHEREAS, the week of April 2nd through April 8th is National Public Health Week and the theme is "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement!"; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policy-makers, and public health professionals about the issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion; and

WHEREAS, Americans are living 78 years on average but only 69 of these years are spent in good health; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Health & Human Services will take the lead in raising awareness of prevention and wellness with activities during National Public Health Week in Carson City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of April 2 - 8, 2012 as **National Public Health Week** in Carson City and call upon the people of Carson City to observe this month by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of public health to a successful system in light of this year's theme, "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement!"

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Dated this 15th Day of March 2012.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor