WHEREAS, Public health is the science of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting the health of people and their communities; and
WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated the incredible dedication, tireless efforts, and unparalleled skills of public health workers in every sector; and
WHEREAS, Public health workers - including clinicians, support staff, contact tracers, and thousands of others - pulled together throughout an unprecedented public health crisis to provide education, resources, clinical services, and operational support to Maryland residents; and
WHEREAS, Public health practitioners work tirelessly to keep Marylanders safe and healthy - every minute, every hour, every day, for everyone; and
WHEREAS, Public health services include the prevention and treatment of disease and injury, emergency preparedness and response activities, strengthening health systems and infrastructure, and increasing access to care, clean air, safe drinking water, and food sources; and
WHEREAS, Public health interventions yield high cost-savings and prevent billions of dollars of additional costs to health services and the wider economy; and
WHEREAS, Maryland is committed to improving the health and quality of life of our residents and recognizing the contributions of all the public health heroes in our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 4 - 10, 2022 as PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN MARYLAND and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.