

## PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

**Whereas** the week of April 1–7, 2013, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “**Public Health is ROI: Save Lives, Save Money**”;

**Whereas** since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health;

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

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

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

**Whereas** investing just \$10 per person each year in proven, community-based public health efforts could save the nation more than \$16 billion within five years;

**Whereas** strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Liz Lempert, Mayor of Princeton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Princeton, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1–7, 2013, as National Public Health Week 2013 in Princeton and call upon the people of Princeton to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, “**Public Health is ROI: Save Lives, Save Money.**”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013

  
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Liz Lempert, Mayor