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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

"Florida Public Health Heroes" Released in honor of 125 years of Florida Public Health

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health is recognizing National Public Health Week with the release of a new resource, "Florida Public Health Heroes." During 2014, the Florida Department of Health is observing 125 years of Florida Public Health.

"Public health professionals work tirelessly for better health in every Florida community," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong, "We are pleased to feature 'Public Health Heroes' in honor of all those who have served our state over 125 years."

"Florida Public Health Heroes" recognizes the contributions of public health professionals in all 67 counties. This collection of stories brings to life the broad scope of public health services and highlights individuals who have served Florida's children, adults, families, and visitors with excellence. To view "Florida Public Health Heroes" please click <u>here</u>.

On April 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the courtyard outside Florida's Capitol in Tallahassee, the Department will feature public health services, interactive fitness activities and healthy cooking demonstrations to highlight the Department's top priority, Healthiest Weight Florida. The public will have the opportunity to tour EMS, emergency preparedness, mobile medical and dental vehicles, as well as explore the Faces of HIV mobile art exhibit and visit the 125th Anniversary preview display in the Florida Historic Capitol Museum.

Information about the 125th Anniversary of Florida Public Health is available at <u>www.FLHealth125.gov</u>.

More information about National Public Health Week is available here.

The Florida Department of Health protects, promotes and improves the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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