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North Dakota Department of Health Receives National Accreditation

BISMARCK, ND – April 1-7 is National Public Health Week and the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is celebrating two years as a nationally accredited health department through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Public health plays a vital role in promoting and protecting the health of North Dakota communities.

Meeting and sustaining rigorous national standards demonstrate NDDoH's commitment to the mission of improving the length and quality of life for all North Dakotans. NDDoH has worked hard and been intentional in improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided. The department's greatest improvements include creating a culture of quality improvement and data decision-making, as well as continuing to invest in NDDoH staff as leaders and innovative thinkers.

"Maintaining our accreditation status shows the determination of the staff in the health department to meet the highest caliber possible to improve and protect the health of North Dakotans," said State Health Officer Mylynn Tufte, RN. "With accreditation, the NDDoH is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations we work with."

The NDDoH received national accreditation in 2017 after undergoing a meticulous assessment process. Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities, and this accreditation helps to ensure the programs and services provided by the department are as responsive as possible to meet the needs of every community.

The national accreditation program is jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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