

PROCLAMATION OF THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Averil Strand, RN, MSN

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Board of Health acknowledges the retirement of Averil (Avie) Strand, after more than 50 years of dedicated service with Larimer County Department of Public Health and Environment (LCDHE); and

WHEREAS, Avie, has worked tirelessly to reduce disease, disability and death in Larimer County's population since being hired in June of 1970, as the first Nursing Supervisor in the history of the health department; and

WHEREAS, Avie took a lead role in dealing with a large Measles outbreak in 1990; and

WHEREAS, under Avie's supervision and guidance, LCDHE hired and facilitated training for all three LCDHE Directors to include Robert Sherwood, Adrienne LeBailly, and Tom Gonzales; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Avie supported efforts in the Spring Creek flood and recovery, an unfortunate time during which there were 5 deaths and extensive recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Avie dedicated hours of time with staff and state health department partners to identify the first West Nile Virus outbreak to reduce the spread of illness; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, under Avie's supervision of the clinic, the health department began providing long acting reversible contraception helping to reduce teen pregnancies in Larimer County to one of the lowest levels in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Avie was a primary leader in providing Meningococcal immunizations for over 10,200 people at Colorado State University in two clinics, reducing the outbreak of this deadly disease; and

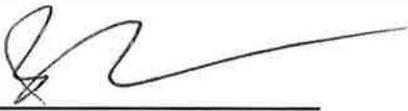
WHEREAS, in 2017, under Avie's co-authorship, the Built Environment grant was awarded to Larimer County. This focus helped move us forward in supporting efforts to improve accessibility for under-served persons and greater equity among all residents within Larimer County communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her impressive career, Avie has served on state, local, regional, and national committees and boards, including the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, The Health District of Northern Larimer County, Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials, Nurse Family Partnership, and the Food Bank for Larimer County, Larimer County Interagency Oversight Group, and The Center for Family Outreach, ensuring that education, prevention, and early intervention programming and services are available to all mothers, youth, and families in Larimer County.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Larimer County Board of Health, hereby proclaim its gratitude to Averil Strand, for over 50 years of dedicated service in public and community health.

Done this 10 day of September 2020, at Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Larimer County Board of Health

Bernard Birnbaum, President

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Tom Gonzales, Secretary

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