

Proclamation

To promote family leader engagement and the civic health of Jefferson County communities through participation in Family Leadership Training Institute

October 16, 2018

Whereas, a community's well-being depends upon its citizens' active engagement in civic life; and

Whereas, the civic health of a community is represented in actions such as voting, volunteering, being a leader in an organization, contacting public officials, and working with neighbors to solve community problems; and

Whereas, a community's quality of life is linked inextricably to its social capital, including connectedness to neighbors and family, norms of reciprocity and relationships with government or groups unlike one's own; and

Whereas, civic engagement encompasses attitudes and behaviors that involve a commitment to improving society's well-being; and

Whereas, one promising means to promote community health is to empower individuals and families to develop leadership skills, become engaged in civic life and forge connections with diverse constituents; and

Whereas, research consistently finds characteristics of citizenship to be less evident in contemporary cohorts of younger adults and teens than in the past; and

Whereas, involvement in youth civic engagement programs, extracurricular activities, and civics education promotes positive youth development and reduces problem behaviors; and

Whereas, participation in Family Leadership Training Institute provides tools that develop such leadership and engagement behaviors; and

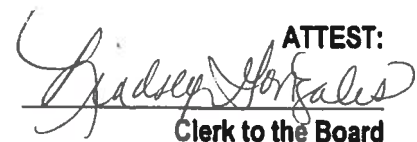
Whereas, Family Leadership Training Institute was found to have a substantial impact on civic knowledge, confidence, and engagement of families with the effects related to civic engagement enduring for as much as 5 years.

Now, Therefore, be it proclaimed, Jefferson County Board of Health promotes family leader engagement and the civic health of Jefferson County communities through participation in Family Leadership Training Institute.

IN WITNESS THEREOF on this day of October 16, 2018


BOARD OF HEALTH

Greg Deranleau, President


ATTEST:

Gladys Morales
Clerk to the Board