

**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**

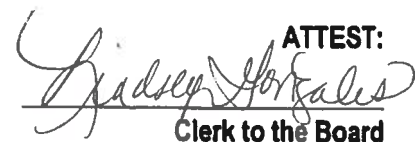
**Whereas, participation in Family Leadership Training Institute provides tools that develop such leadership and engagement behaviors; and**

**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