AHA’s 2019 Community Health Improvement Week
[Sample Proclamation]

***Whereas:*** America’s 5,000+ hospitals and health care systems serve a vital role in improving the health of their communities through care provision and community outreach.

***Whereas:*** American hospitals spend over $62 billion in community benefit annually with the purpose of improving the health of the vulnerable communities they serve.

***Whereas:*** Hospitals are anchor organizations in their community and have a vast impact on the social determinants of health in their communities.

***Whereas:*** Improving the health of populations requires sustainable, multi-sector collaborations between hospitals and their community stakeholders.

***Whereas:*** Improving population health is a key driver of the U.S health care system and community health professionals will play an increasingly important role in health care transformation.

**Whereas:** Community health professionals work tirelessly to meet the health needs of their most vulnerable populations.

***Whereas:*** The 1,000+ members of the Association for Community Health Improvement, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association, and the 5000 hospital memberships of the American Hospital Association represent the spectrum of professionals working to improve community and population health.

***Whereas:*** The AHA’s mission is to advance the health of individuals and communities. ACHI’s mission is to strengthen community health through education, peer networking and practical assessment and evaluation tools.

***Whereas:*** Community Health Improvement Week recognizes America’s community health workforce for their passion and dedication to community health improvement. During this Community Health Improvement Week, we celebrate the legacy of America’s hospitals and their community partnerships working to improve the health of their most vulnerable community members.

***Whereas,*** Along with AHA, [name of your organization] has declared the week of June 2-8, 2019 as Community Health Improvement Week, therefore be it

***Resolved,*** That I, [Governor’s/Mayor’s name and title], ask all residents of this state/community join me in honoring the community health professionals who support better health for our entire population through health promotional for all, and be it further

***Resolved,*** That the residents of [city, state] celebrate community health initiatives, campaigns and programs to raise awareness and improve the health of our local communities and show our appreciation for the nation’s community health professionals during this week and throughout the year.