

EO - 2018-04
Healthy St. Pete

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
"HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES" AND PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the City of St. Petersburg's residents are critical for a prosperous and sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, Healthy St. Pete, a community engagement and empowerment initiative, encourages a culture of health via the implementation of diverse strategies that positively impact the many factors that affect health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, there is growing awareness that health is influenced by the interaction of many factors and not simply genetics, individual behaviors, or access to medical care. It is now widely accepted that conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age, known as the social determinants of health, have the greatest influence on health outcomes across populations; and

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health further affect chronic disease rates and mental illness, as well as injuries caused by accidents and violence. They also influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that either promote or diminish health; and

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health further contribute to health inequities, defined as differences in health associated with an individual's or group's specific attributes (e.g. income, education, or race/ethnicity) that are connected to social disadvantage or historical and contemporary injustices. These inequities can be minimized through changes to policy, programs, and practices; and

WHEREAS, addressing the social determinants of health can lead to reducing the upward trend of unmitigated health care costs, one of the biggest threats to individual, business, and city government budgets alike; and

WHEREAS, Healthy St. Pete's purpose and design advances partnerships that improve the social determinants of health, which are priorities of special importance because they represent the conditions into which residents are born, live, learn, work, play and age; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods with affordable and healthy food, safe and accessible housing, and quality employment opportunities positively influence behaviors and help to create healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, in Pinellas County, the leading causes of death are heart disease and cancer, and chronic diseases and conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, type 2 diabetes, obesity and arthritis, and are among the most common, costly and preventable of all health problems; and

WHEREAS, policies implemented by the City outside of the traditional health sector significantly affect the social determinants of health, including policies related to urban redevelopment, food access, housing, transportation, public safety, education, sustainability, climate change, parks, air and water quality, criminal justice, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, interdepartmental and interagency collaboration can lead to improved decision-making and outcomes and greater efficiencies in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a "Health in All Policies" approach, the City recognizes that all departments have a role to play in achieving health equity, defined as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities; and

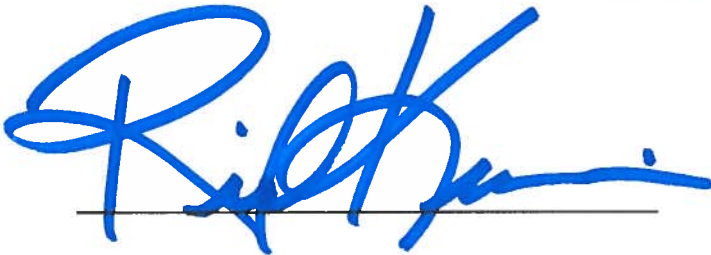
WHEREAS, "Health in All Policies" falls in line with the City's Sustainability Vision and Mission Statement that supports the long term goals of the Healthy St. Pete Initiative, Integrated Sustainability Action Plan, STAR Community Rating leadership certification, commitment to LEED and Envision standards, the Greenhouse program, Grow Smarter Initiative, and South St. Petersburg CRA Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Department of Health, with the critical support of the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, has set as policy the goals of achieving the highest level of physical and mental health for all people and reducing physical and mental health disparities, and this resolution is designed to be consistent with this approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK KRISEMAN, do hereby promulgate through this Executive Order that it shall be the policy of the City of St. Petersburg to apply the consideration of health, health impacts, and the social determinants of health to the City's decision-making, including policy development and implementation, budgeting, and the delivery of services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Petersburg, with grant funding provided by the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and the Pinellas County Department of Health, shall, according to the stipulations of that grant agreement, designate a full-time planner trained to conduct Health in all Policy recommendations for relevant city interdepartmental policy and projects.

Duly signed and authorized this 19th day of April, 2018.



Mayor Rick Kriseman