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Public Health Thank You Day, November 23, 2020

XENIA, OH—On the Monday before Thanksgiving, Greene County Public Health joins Research!America and leading U.S. public health organizations to recognize the public health workforce that is committed to overcoming challenges to protect the health of all Americans.

Public Health Thank You Day 2020 honors all those unsung heroes who keep our families free from infectious diseases like COVID-19, promote mental health for our veterans and communities, prevent injuries, ensure safe food and water, and much more. These heroes include our health inspectors, environmental health scientists, public health researchers, community health workers and epidemiologists, nurses, public information officers and health educators.

“Public Health Thank You Day is a salute to those who work tirelessly, often putting their own lives at risk, to find solutions to and address some of the most pressing threats to the health of our communities,” said Mary Woolley, president and CEO of Research!America. “It’s important that we not only thank them today, but recognize their contributions daily as they work behind the scenes to combat current and emerging health concerns.”

In 2020, as we face down the most dangerous pandemic in a century, our gratitude is especially strong. The public health workforce continues to dedicate their time and energy to combat disease and build a healthier environment for Americans.

Health Commissioner Melissa Howell stated “I can’t thank our public health employees enough for their steady and effective guidance to our community. They have shown extraordinary courage, dedication and commitment throughout the pandemic. Our employees have distinguished themselves as public health professionals with diverse backgrounds that reflect our unique community. Every day they work to improve the health of our community, but this year and in this time, I can’t think of anything to be more grateful about than the public health team at GCPH!”

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