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Letter to Editor

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Polk County Residents:

We all agree that personal health is important. In today's climate, this topic would likely be deemed a bi-partisan one. Most, if not all, would agree that overall health (person and environment) should come before everything else. The question is; 'How do we ensure that this occurs?' 'Health In All Policies' (HIAP) is a new initiative being looked at by the Polk County Community Services Division (Public Health Department, Behavioral Health Department, and Department of Children and Families) as a way to promote and strengthen a safe and healthy Polk County Community.

HIAP is a new way for policymakers to think about our health and how policies may or may not have an impact on it. Regardless of the level of government, this approach and framework can be utilized to keep health in the forefront of all decision making.

There are an increasing number of jurisdictions (municipal, county, state, and even National) that have adopted HIAP. The City of Appleton was the first jurisdiction in Wisconsin to adopt this ordinance, and they have seen very positive results. Many jurisdictions across the nation are adopting HIAP. To learn more please visit; <https://www.appleton.org/government/attorney-s-office/forms-documents>; or <https://www.postcrescent.com/story/news/2017/12/23/appleton-approves-health-all-policies-ordinance-fox-cities-notebook/968820001/>.

HIAP benefits all of us. Please support this initiative. A resolution to support and sponsor the initiative at the County Board level will be presented to the Health and Human Services Board at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Kaczmarek". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Kaczmarek – Director/Health Officer  
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