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JCDHE Celebrates National Public Health Week

[Olathe, KS], April 2, 2012 — Nationwide, cities and counties are celebrating National Public Health Week (NPHW) this week, April 2 – 8, 2012.

“We need to recognize that improving our nation’s health can be done with small changes to our daily routine,” said Lougene Marsh, Director, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. “From eating less fatty and unhealthy foods to enacting smoke-free policies that improve air quality and protect individuals from secondhand smoke, we can all make a difference in helping people live healthier and longer lives.”

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment is pleased to introduce a “virtual health fair” in observance of National Public Health Week. Information on health topics such as nutrition, blood pressure and diabetes is available on the Department’s website, http://health.jocogov.org. Additional information will continue to be added.

Public Health Week, sponsored by the American Public Health Association, is an annual celebration of the role of public health in all communities. Since 1995, communities around the country have celebrated NPHW each April to draw attention to the need to help protect and improve the nation’s health.

National Public Health Week helps educate Americans about ways to live healthier lives. The ultimate goal is to make America the healthiest nation in one generation. For more information about National Public Health Week, visit www.nphw.org.

About Johnson County
Nestled in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 544,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. Johnson County offers a vibrant quality of life including nationally recognized schools,
libraries and parks where businesses and families choose to locate and call their home. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.