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Press Release

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Pickaway County Board of Health Issues Proclamation Celebrating COVID-19 Volunteers

National Volunteer Week occurs annually during the third week in April and is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact that volunteers have in their communities and to thank them for their time and selfless efforts. On March 15, 2022, the Pickaway County Board of Health approved a resolution recognizing April 17-23, 2022, as Volunteer Appreciation Week. The board offered a special thanks to the Pickaway County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers who played a pivotal role in protecting Pickaway County from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the beginning of 2021, as the COVID-19 vaccines became available, Pickaway County Public Health's goal was to get vaccines to as many people as possible to best protect the community. To accomplish such a feat, Pickaway County Public Health called on their 356 registered MRC volunteers for help. There were 159 volunteers who answered the call to action, where they assisted at over 70 vaccination clinics.

The Pickaway County MRC Unit tirelessly donated 4,185 hours of their time to volunteer for COVID-19 related response activities. They worked mass vaccination clinics, sometimes seeing over 500 patients in one day. Drive-thru clinics in the Health Department parking lot in the middle of the Summer were led with smiles. Test-kit distributions were tackled fearlessly, along with a short-term contact tracing, call center staffing, and general office duties. Ultimately, with the support of the MRC Unit, Pickaway County Public Health was able to administer 17,115 COVID-19 vaccines in 2021 alone.

Therefore, the Board of Health, and PCPH, have unending gratitude for the selfless dedication of these volunteers and their commitment to protecting their fellow community members. We congratulate all the COVID-19 pandemic volunteers for their exceptional service to Pickaway County.

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