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NEWS RELEASE

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

EL PASO, Texas – In observance of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, the Public Health and Environmental Services Departments are teaming up with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent mosquito bites, and mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, Chikungunya, Dengue, and Zika.

Mosquito Control Awareness Week began June 24 and runs through June 30, 2018.

Mayor Dee Margo and City Council will proclaim Wednesday, June 27, 2018 "Zika Action Day" at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

In addition, health educators from the DPH will be visiting with parents and children in the Socorro area to teach the importance of preventing these diseases. Zika virus spreads through the bite of an infected mosquito, sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, and from a mother to her fetus. As a part of these presentations, the DPH will be providing women of childbearing age a kit, which includes repellent, condoms, and educational materials.

Residents can take part by following the Public Health Department on Facebook and Twitter to help spread the word. Sharing our daily posts could help save a life.

The El Paso Department of Public Health is asking residents to help 'fight the bite' by reducing the spread of mosquito borne diseases using these prevention methods:

- DEET - Use insect repellents that contain DEET when outdoors
- DRESS - Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors
- DUSK and DAWN – Although mosquitoes associated with Zika can be active throughout the day, residents should take extra care during peak mosquito biting hours (from dusk to dawn) or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.
- DRAIN – Drain standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, and birdbaths.

For more information on the Public Health Department, call 2-1-1 or visit www.EPHealth.com or www.EPSalud.com.

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