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St. Clair County Medical Health Officer Receiving Distinguished Award

The St. Clair County Health Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer has been chosen to receive the Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion award for 2022.

The Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion award is a major part of the annual Public Health Week observance in Michigan. This award is presented to individuals and/or organizations that have made significant contributions toward the health and well-being of Michigan citizens in the policy area at the local and/or state level. The ceremony will take place on April 13 at the State Capitol in Lansing.

Public Health Week in Michigan is celebrated alongside National Public Health Week, which is an initiative of the American Public Health Association. This year's theme, "*Public Health is Where You Are*" provides us with a chance to highlight how the public health system keeps our communities healthy and safe as technologies advance, public attitudes towards health shift, and more health and safety options become available.

"Our staff is very touched that Dr. Mercatante has received this award," stated Jennifer Michaluk, Media Spokeswoman for the Health Department. "Dr. Mercatante has worked tirelessly to protect the health and wellbeing of the residents of St. Clair County. We refer to her as our fearless leader because she has devoted 15 years of service to understanding and addressing the needs of this community. Her accomplishments have been plentiful over her time here. Over the past two years she navigated the pandemic with grace and professionalism, providing continuous guidance and education to the community. We know that this community is healthier and safer because of her efforts. As she finishes out her time with the Health Department, we celebrate her and all that she has done to make St. Clair County a better place."

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