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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS ~** Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African American men having the lowest life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS ~** during the COVID-19 pandemic a significantly disproportionate number of men compared to women have died due to the disease, owing to social factors, biological factors, and a greater reluctance to be vaccinated; and
- WHEREAS ~** educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular health screenings, and early detection of male health problems will reduce male mortality rates; and
- WHEREAS ~** fathers who stay connected to their children and maintain a healthy lifestyle are more likely to be respected as role models and have happier, healthier children; and
- WHEREAS ~** Men's Health Network has worked with Congress to develop a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS ~** the Men's Health Month web site has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources and information about health-related activities, including Wear Blue Day (www.WearBlueDay.com), and men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS ~** the citizens of Billings are encouraged to educate themselves about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical checkups.

NOW THEREFORE, I Willian A. Cole, Mayor of the City in Billings, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as:

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in Billings and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

William A. Cole, Mayor