



City of Columbia  
A 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, COVID-19 variants continue to spread across the country, with the Centers for Disease Control reporting that males are more likely to die from this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, encouraging safe behaviors including social distancing, wearing masks, and being vaccinated will help stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value that preventive health care can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, fathers who stay connected to their children and maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period as 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 website has been established at [www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue Day ([www.WearBlueDay.com](http://www.WearBlueDay.com)); and

WHEREAS, Columbia Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical check-ups; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes the month of June 2022 as

**Men's Health Month**

in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

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